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# GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

MISSION:

# BRUTAL KOUT!

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MARVEL





BLACK SHEEP, SCOUNDRELS, AND WEIRDOS, PETER QUILL, A.K.A. STAR-LORD, DRAX THE DESTROYER, GAMORA, ROCKET RACCOON, AND GROOT LEARNED TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN INTERESTS, THEN DISCOVERED THEY COULD NOT STAND BY WHEN THE UNIVERSE WAS IN PERIL. AFTER A RECENT TRIP TO EARTH WHERE THEY NEARLY BROKE UP, THE TEAM GOT BACK TOGETHER AND BACK TO SPACE, WHERE THEY RECEIVED AN OFFER THEY COULDN'T REFUSE. BUT MAYBE THEY SHOULD HAVE? THIS IS

# GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY MISSION: *BREXIT*

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SPACE.

LIKE, WAY OUT THERE  
IN SPACE.

GREETINGS!  
COME IN! TANELEER  
TIVAN IS THRILLED TO  
WELCOME YOU TO VIEW  
HIS EXCITING TRAVELING  
COLLECTION...

...OF  
THE UNIVERSE'S  
MOST FASCINATING AND  
UNIQUE OBJECTS AND  
CREATURES.

FINALLY,  
SOMETHING TO DO  
OUT HERE.

IT JUST  
FEELS GOOD TO  
HAVE MY FEET STUCK ON  
THE GROUND A BIT. BEEN  
FLOATIN' ON THESE  
ASTEROIDS TOO  
LONG.

OH, THE  
ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY?  
PERFECTLY CALIBRATED.  
I GOTTA TELL YOU,  
I'M LIKING THIS  
TIVAN GUY!





THANK YOU.  
I'M THRILLED TO  
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
TRAVEL THE GALAXY, SHARING  
MY LIFE'S WORK...MY  
COLLECTION...WITH  
OTHERS.

OH, MY  
GOSH, IT'S  
HIM!



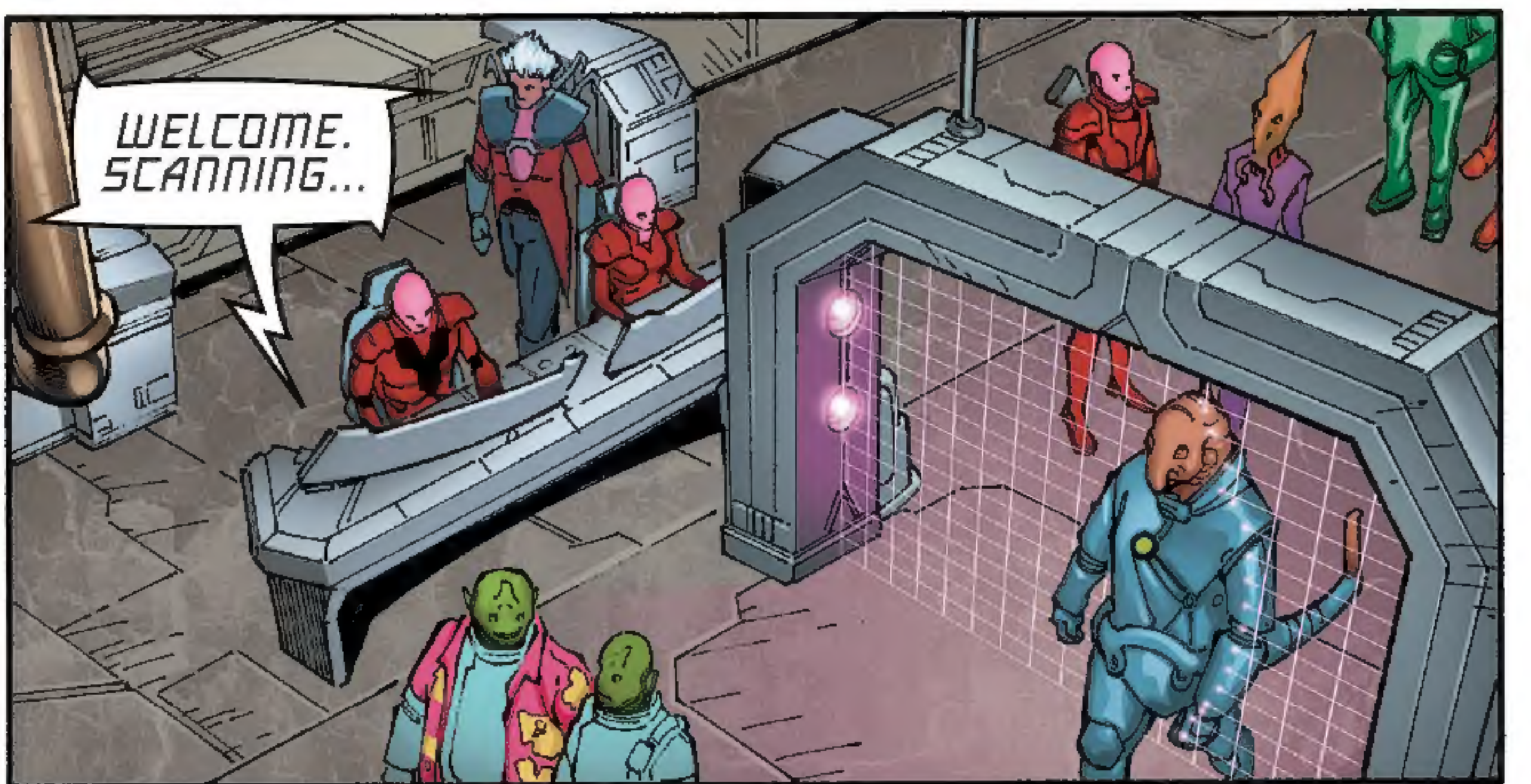
HEY, I  
GOT A QUESTION.  
DO YOU HAVE ANY  
SKRULLS?

RIGHT.  
BUT HOW WOULD  
YOU KNOW?

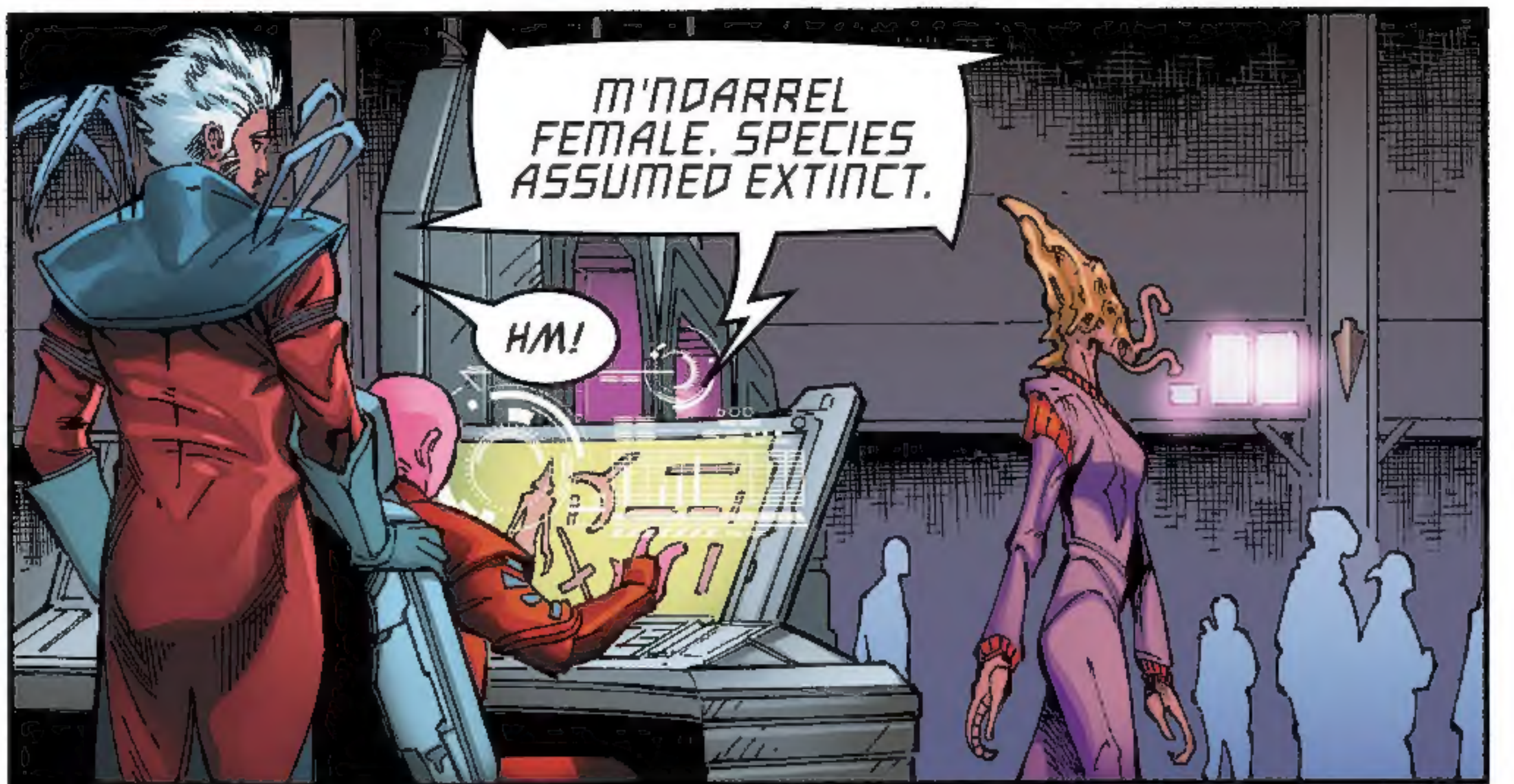
NOT  
AT THIS  
TIME.

HA HA,  
QUITE.

PLEASE MAKE  
YOUR WAY THROUGH THE  
SECURITY SCANNERS, AND  
WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET TO  
THE MAIN ATTRACTION  
VERY SOON.



WELCOME.  
SCANNING...



M'NDARREL  
FEMALE. SPECIES  
ASSUMED EXTINCT.

HM!



PREPARE  
"ACCOMMODATIONS"  
FOR HER.





RIGHT THIS WAY, EVERYONE. YES, MY LOBBY KNICKKNACKS ARE FASCINATING, AND YOU COULD SPEND DAYS STUDYING AND LEARNING ABOUT EACH ONE.

BUT I KNOW WHAT REALLY MAKES YOU ALL COME TO VIEW THE COLLECTION.



THE CREATURES. THE STRANGE AND WONDERFUL VARIETY OF LIFE FROM EVERY CORNER OF OUR MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE.

UNIQUE BEINGS, EVERY ONE OF THEM.

MMMPH!



BUT... SOME ARE MORE EXCITING THAN OTHERS.

WHICH IS WHY WE'LL BE STARTING THE SHOW OFF WITH A BANG. PRESENTING...



...THE  
**GUARDIANS  
OF THE GALAXY**

HI!!!...

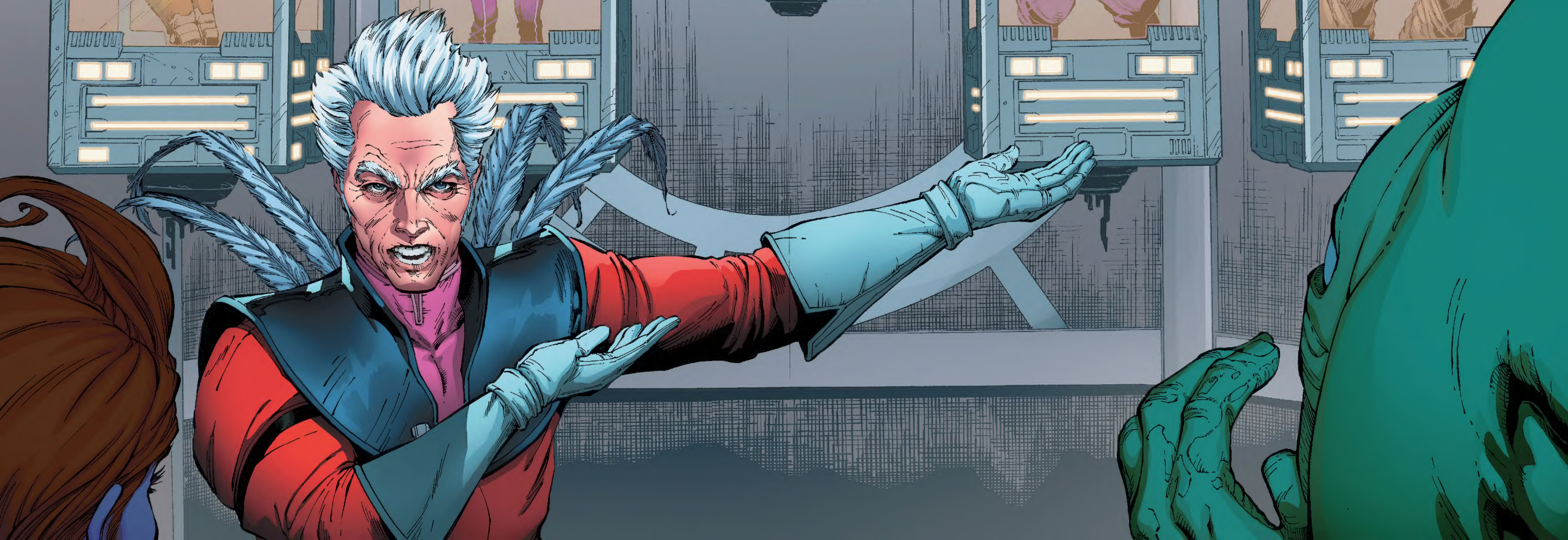
WELL, THIS  
IS PRECISELY AS  
EMBARRASSING AS  
I ANTICIPATED.

I AM NOT  
EMBARRASSED! I  
AM COUNTING HOW MANY  
STARING EYEBALLS I WILL  
COLLECT WHEN WE  
ESCAPE!

I AM  
GROOT.

OH, COME  
ON, GROOT,  
YOU'RE JUST  
GIVING THEM  
WHAT THEY  
WANT.

I AM  
GROOT!



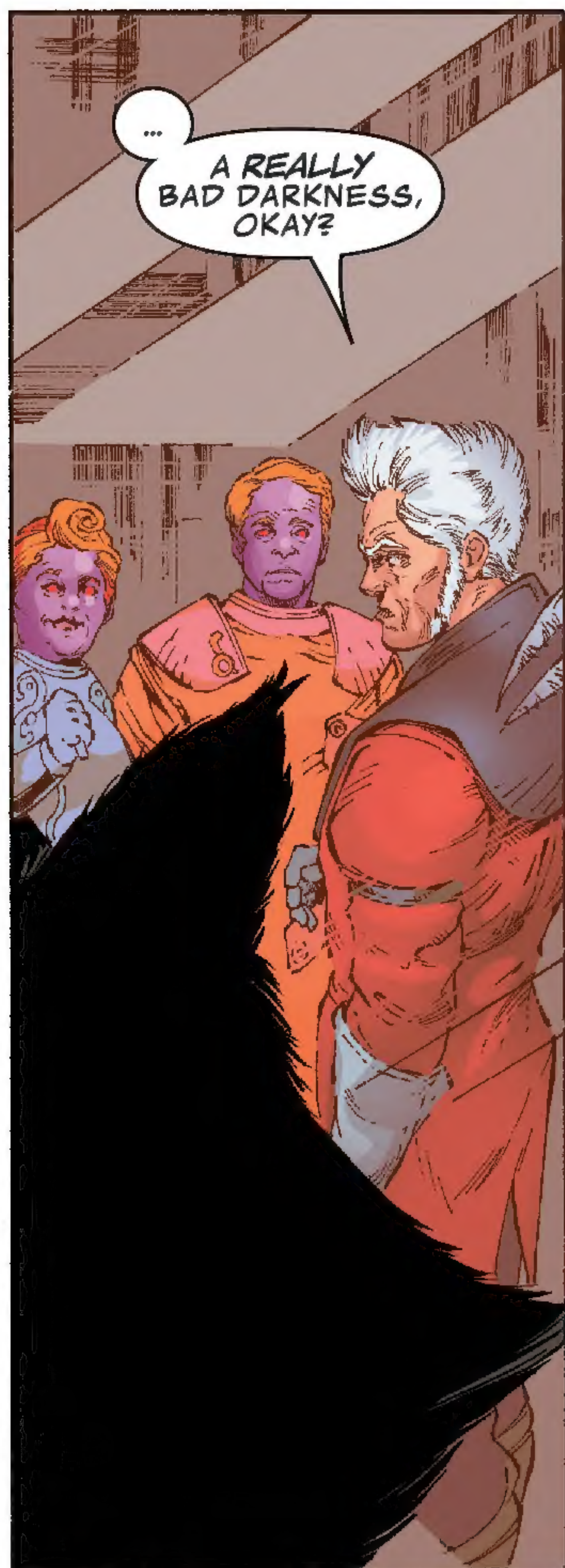




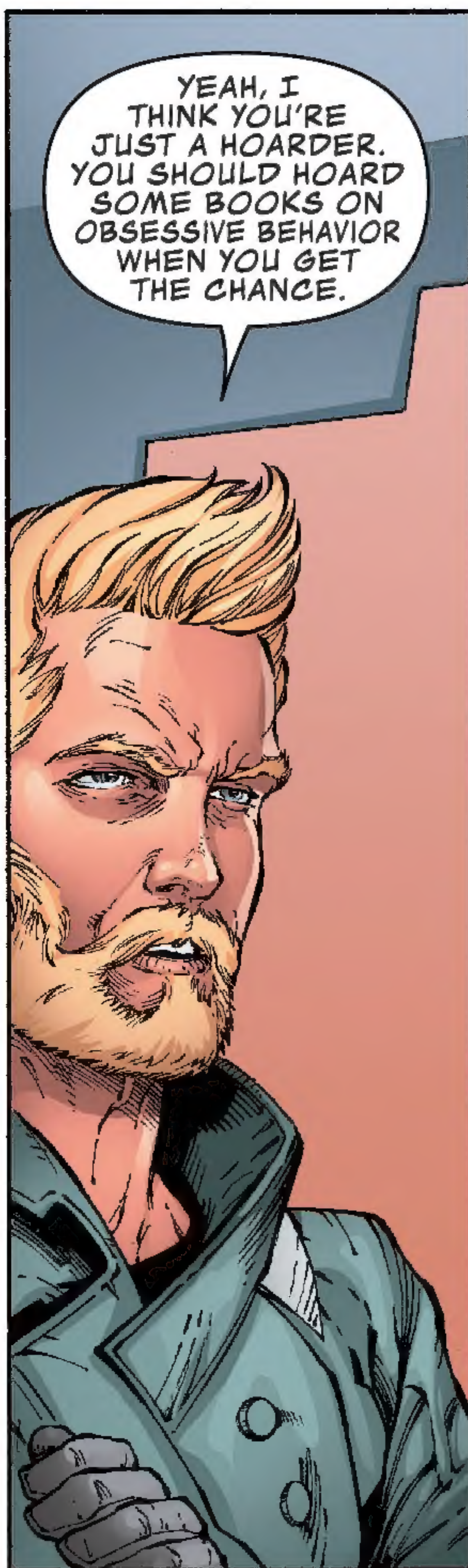
A COMING DARKNESS THREATENS OUR GALAXY. I WISH TO **SAVE** AS MUCH AS I CAN TO SURVIVE THIS EVENT.

WHO BETTER THAN THIS TEAM OF GALACTIC HEROES TO ENSURE MY MISSION IS SUCCESSFUL?

WHAT "COMING DARKNESS"? BAD STUFF HAPPENS ALL THE TIME, AND YOU NEVER HELP ANYTHING WITH YOUR DUMB COLLECTION.



...  
A REALLY BAD DARKNESS, OKAY?



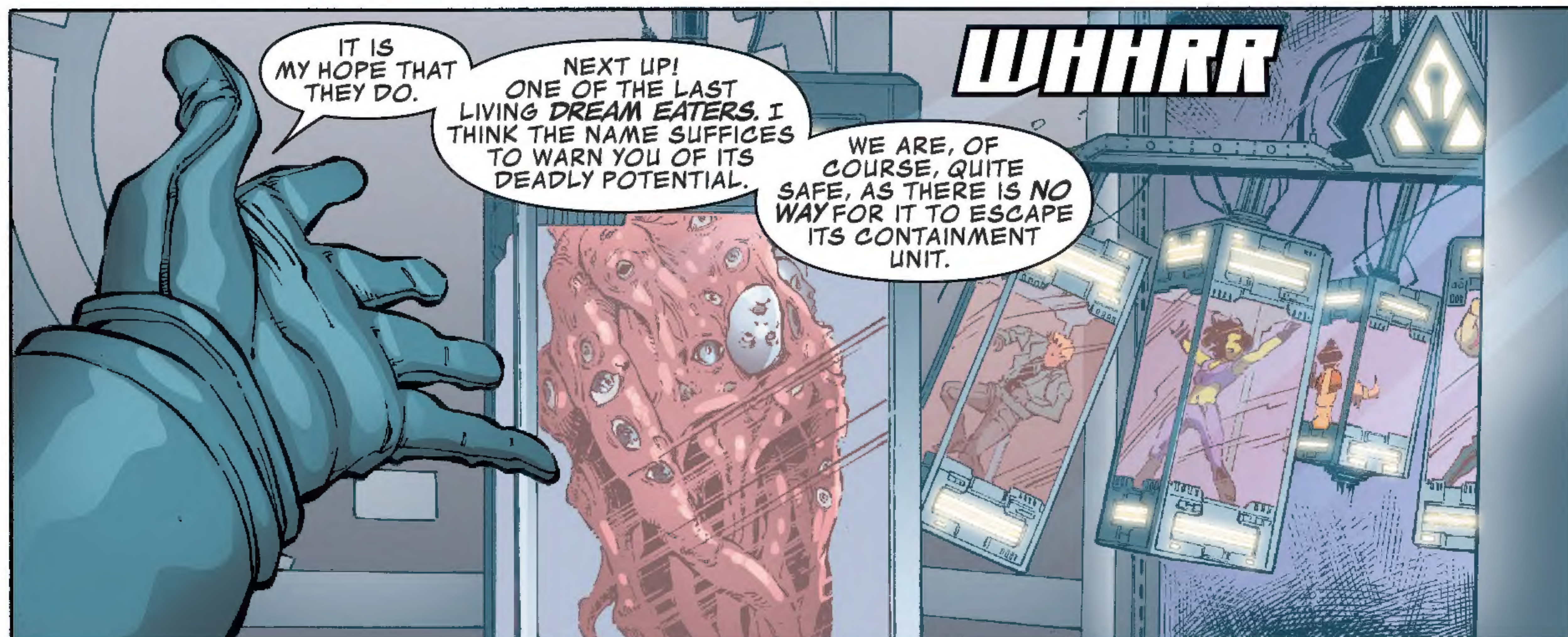
YEAH, I THINK YOU'RE JUST A HOARDER. YOU SHOULD HOARD SOME BOOKS ON OBSSIVE BEHAVIOR WHEN YOU GET THE CHANCE.



HA HA, THAT IS DEFINITELY STAR-LORD, ALL RIGHT! WHAT A FLARKIN' NUT.

MY REPUTATION IS NOT AS A NUT!

OH, MAN, HE'S TALKIN' TO ME? THIS IS CRAZY. I LOVE THIS MUSEUM, MAN. EVERYBODY SHOULD CHECK IT OUT.



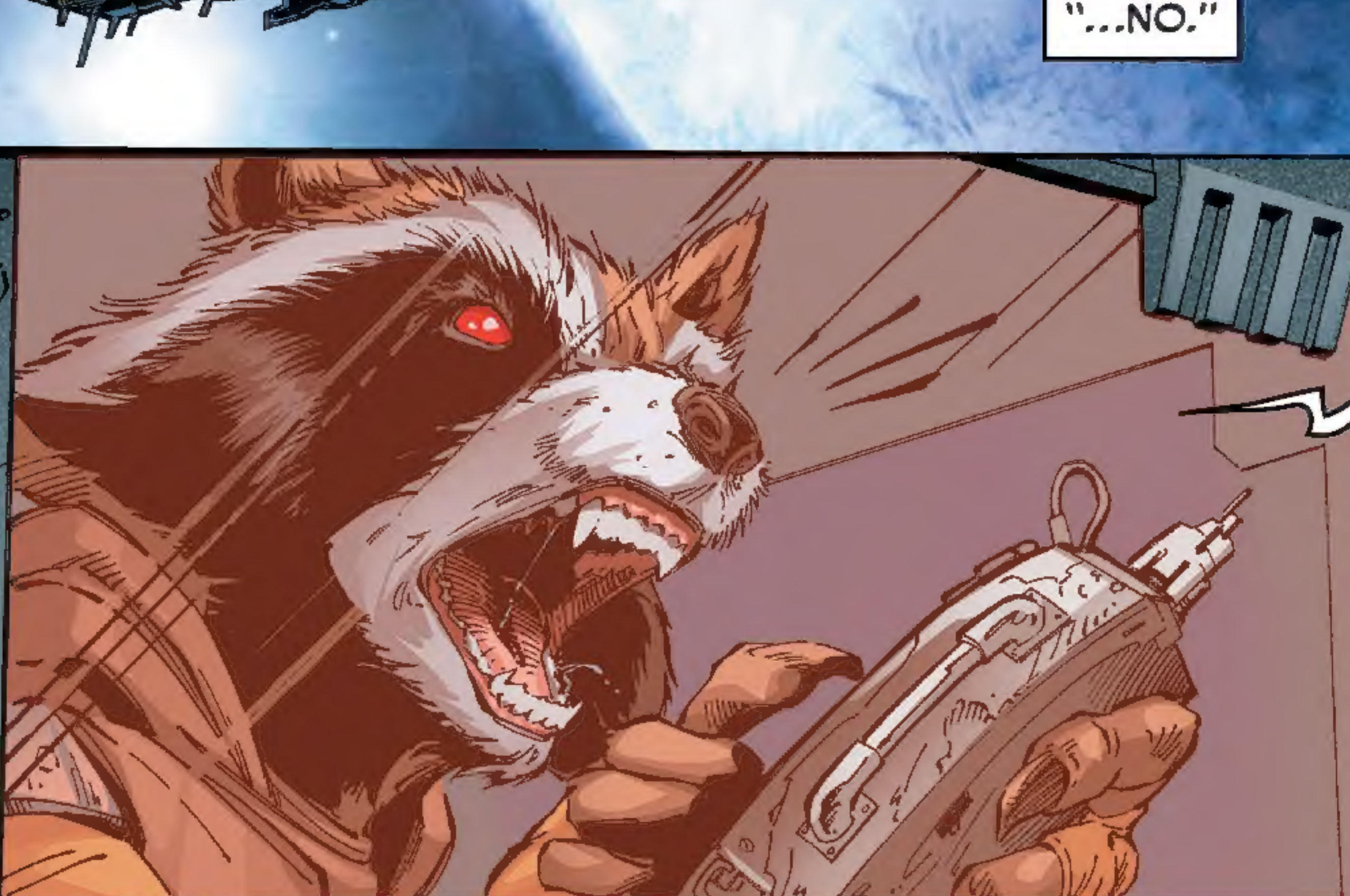
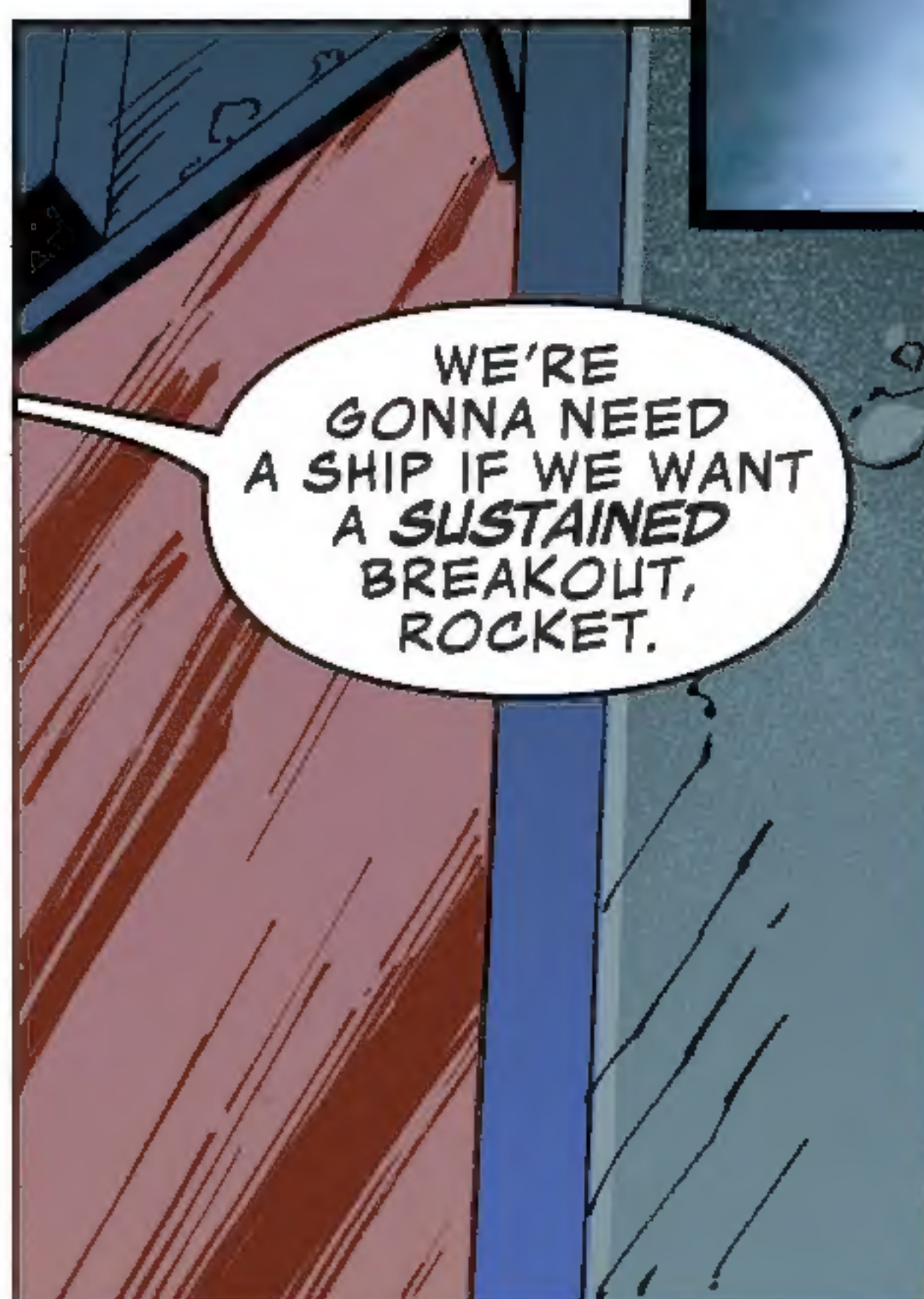
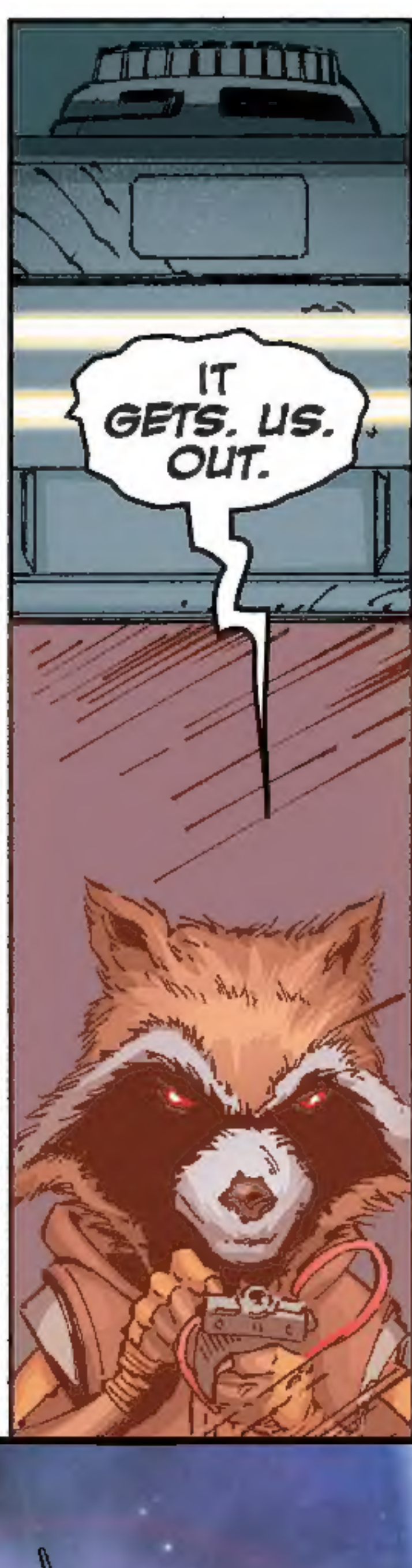
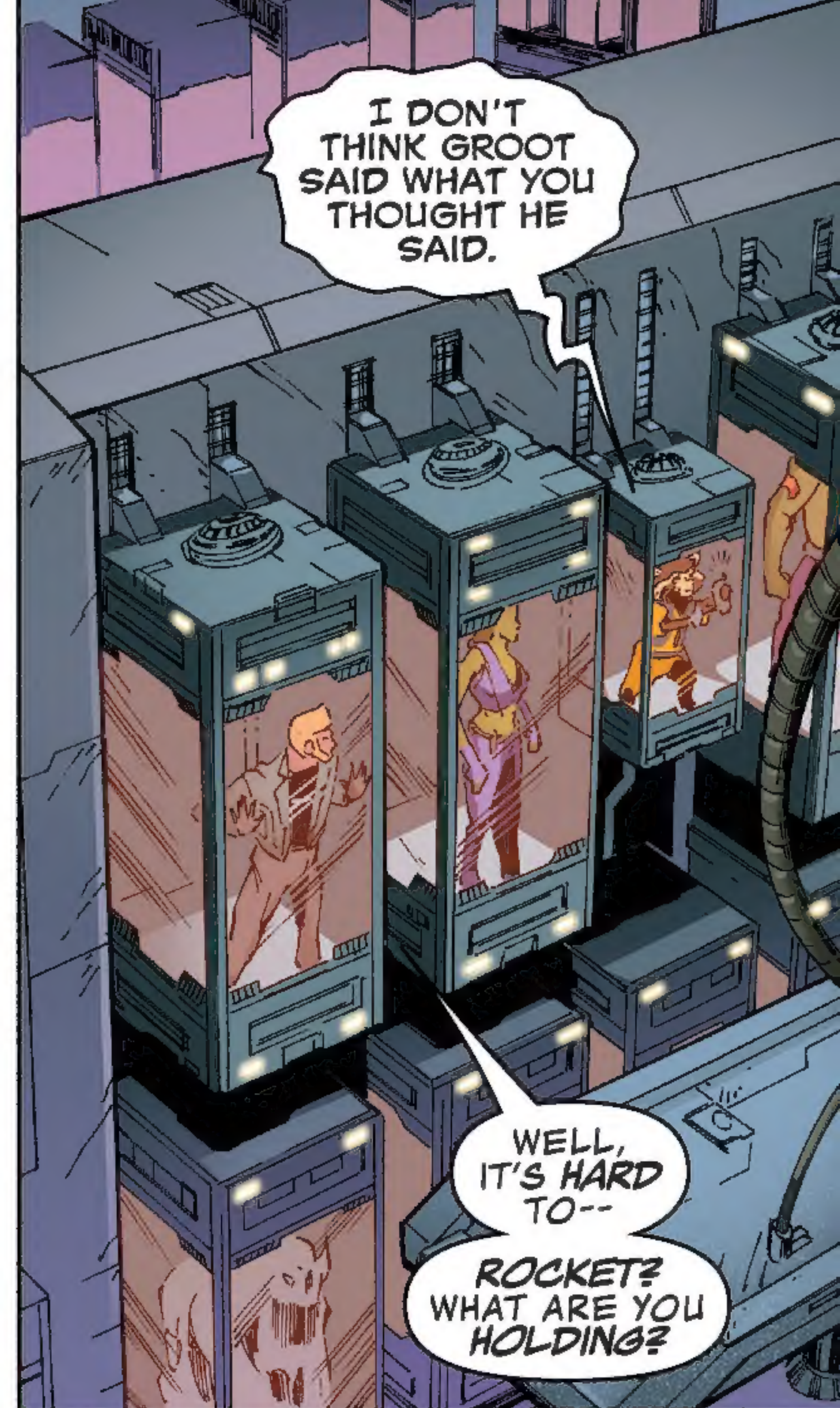
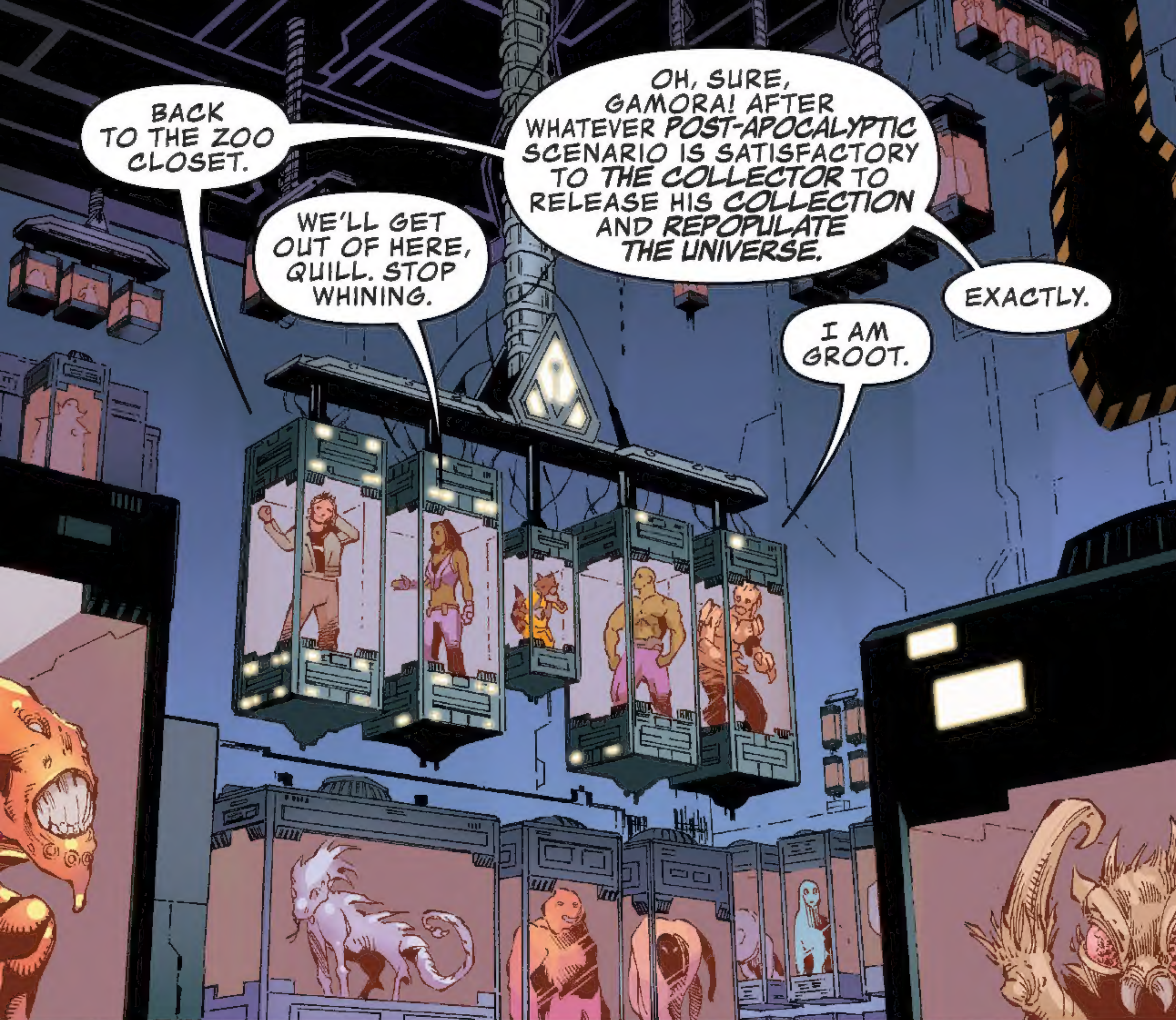
IT IS MY HOPE THAT THEY DO.

NEXT UP! ONE OF THE LAST LIVING DREAM EATERS. I THINK THE NAME SUFFICES TO WARN YOU OF ITS DEADLY POTENTIAL.

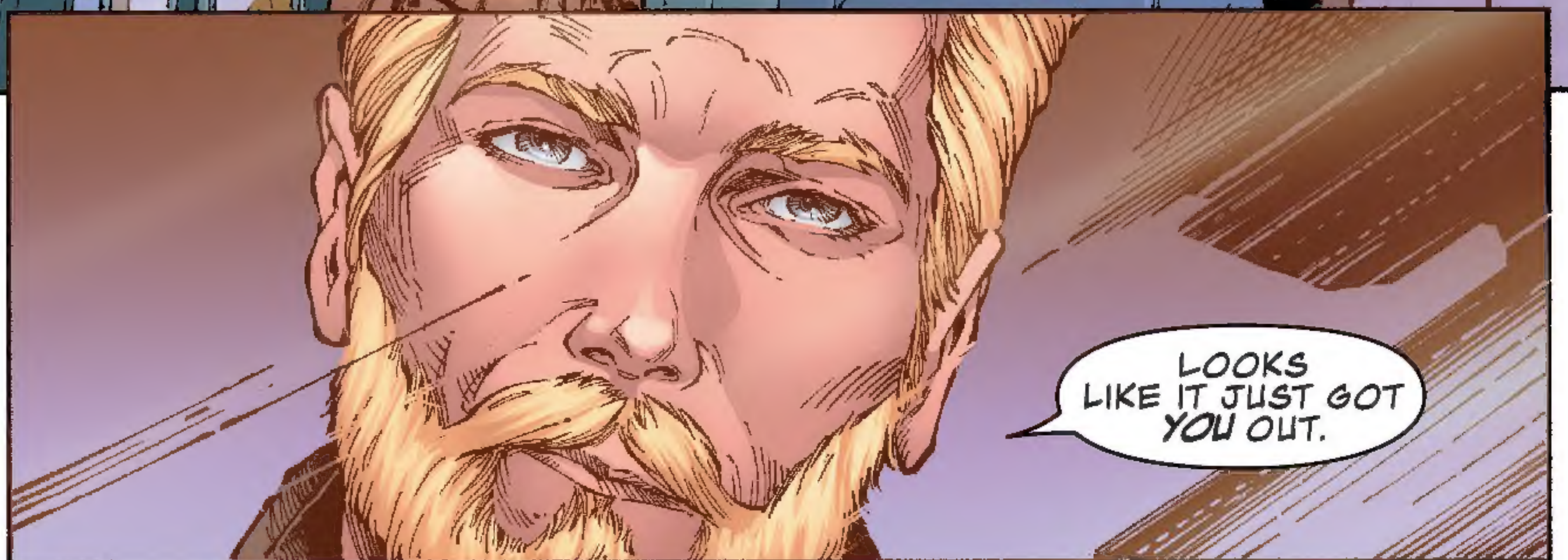
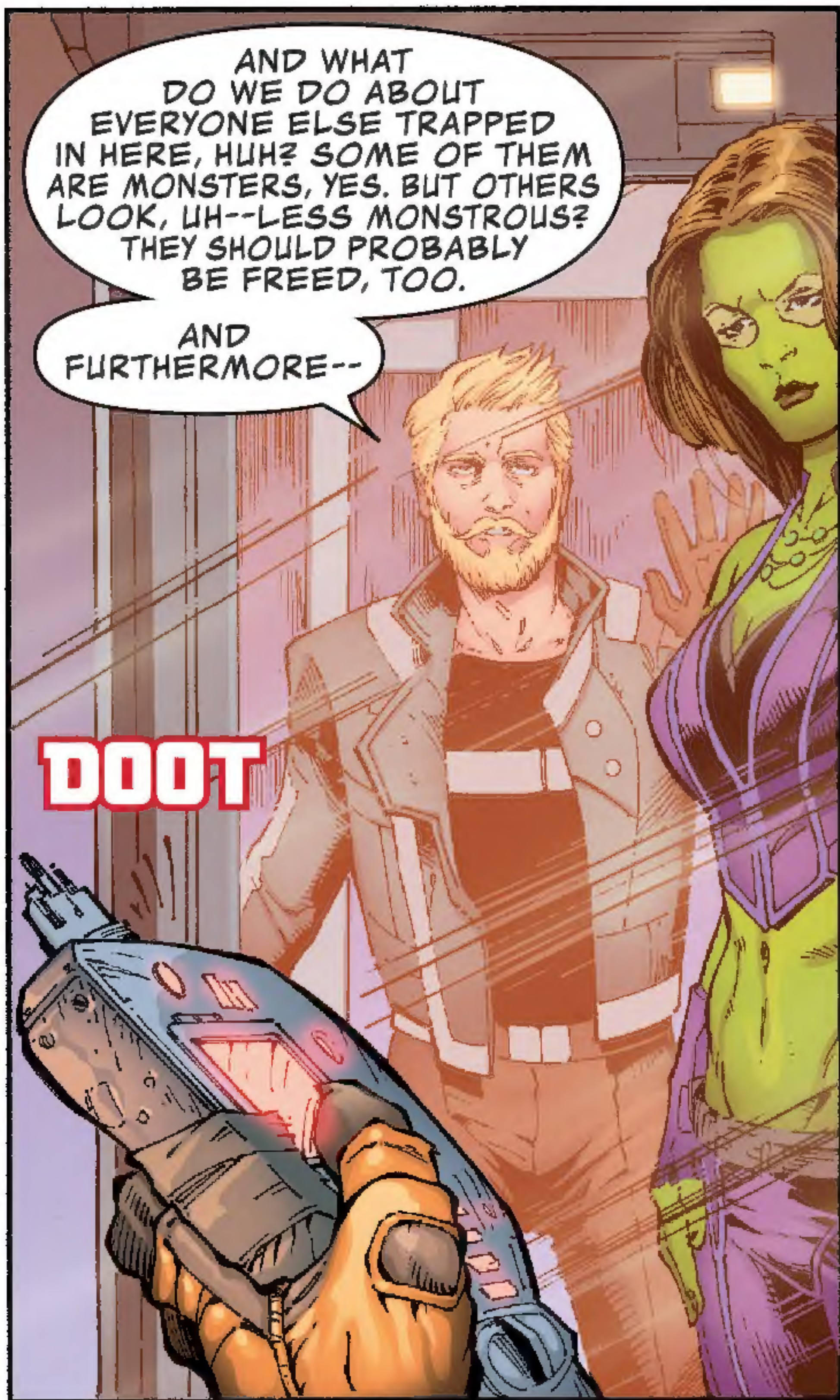
WE ARE, OF COURSE, QUITE SAFE, AS THERE IS NO WAY FOR IT TO ESCAPE ITS CONTAINMENT UNIT.

**WHHRR**

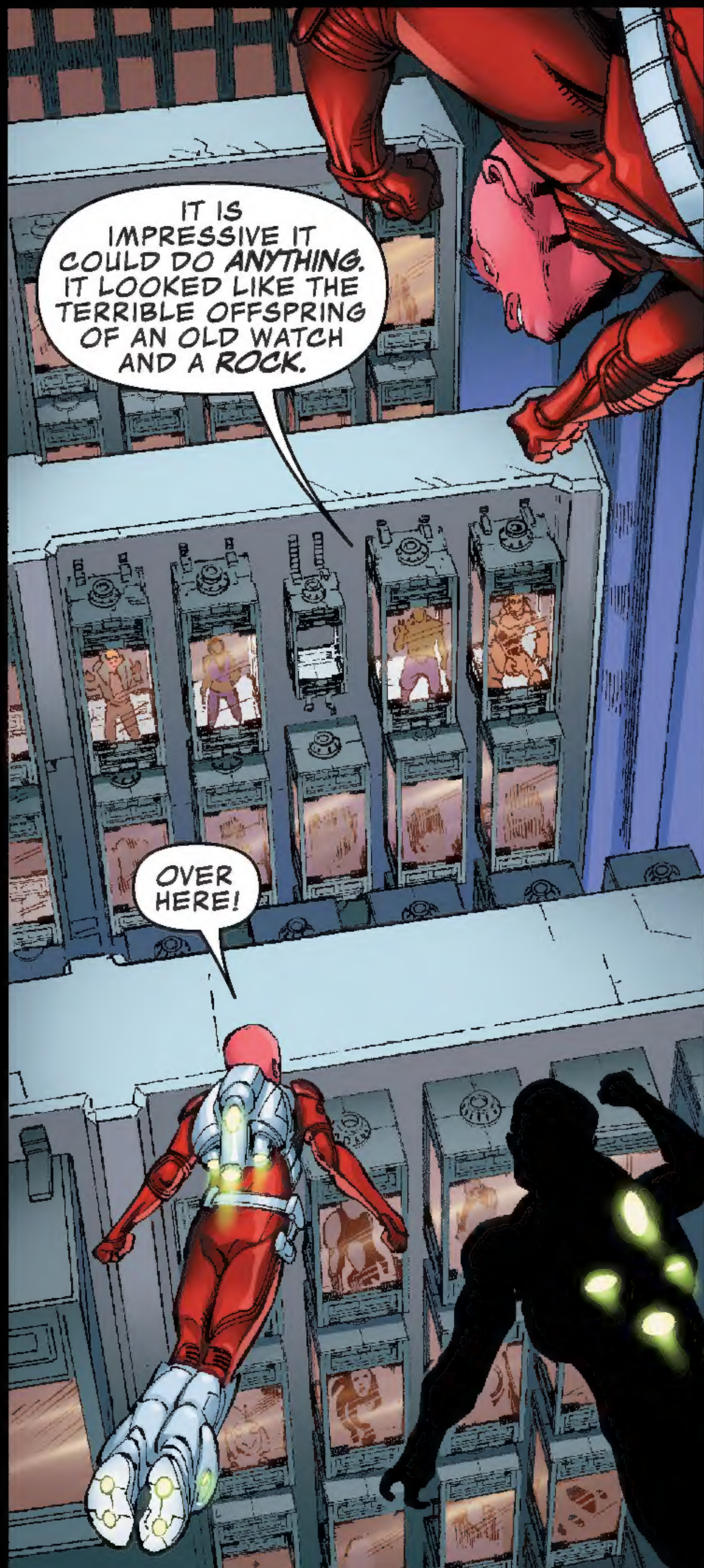












IT IS IMPRESSIVE IT COULD DO ANYTHING. IT LOOKED LIKE THE TERRIBLE OFFSPRING OF AN OLD WATCH AND A ROCK.

OVER HERE!



FAIR. STILL, NO TELLING THE ZOO COPS ABOUT THE ELECTRIC ROCK.

THAT BIRD SAW. I WILL WATCH HIM.

YES. I SEE YOU, BIRD.

AN ESCAPE! PUT THE MUSEUM ON HIGH ALERT!



WHAT HAPPENED?

CAGE OPENED, AND ROCKET GOT OUT.

WHAT?! HOW?

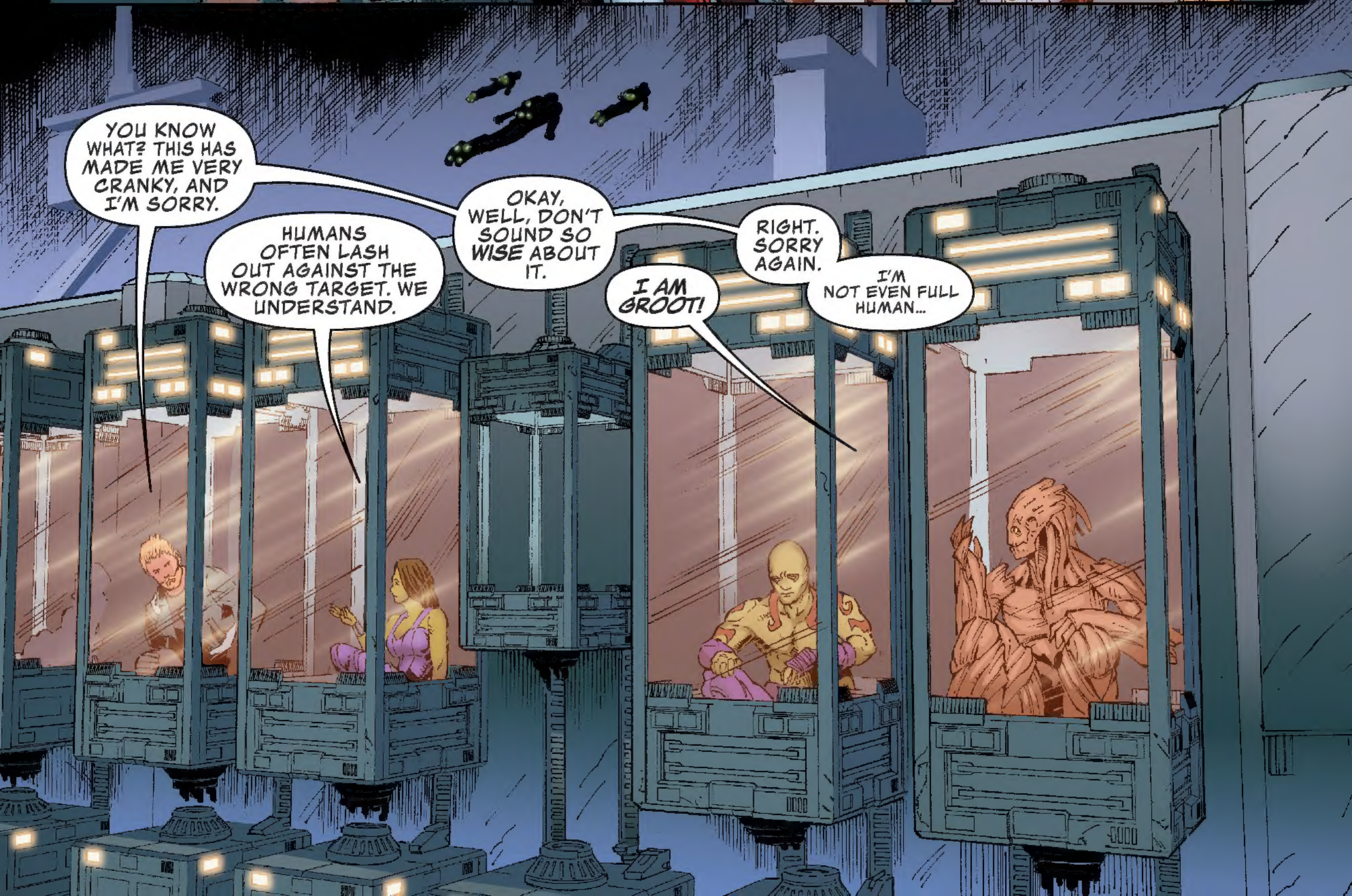
I DUNNO.



IF HE DID SOMETHING TO COMPROMISE COLLECTION SECURITY, IT'S REALLY IN YOUR INTEREST TO LET US KNOW. THESE HOLDING CELLS PROTECT YOU, TOO, YOU KNOW.

OH! DO THEY? THANK YOU SO MUCH!

YOU'RE WELCOME!



YOU KNOW WHAT? THIS HAS MADE ME VERY CRANKY, AND I'M SORRY.

HUMANS OFTEN LASH OUT AGAINST THE WRONG TARGET. WE UNDERSTAND.

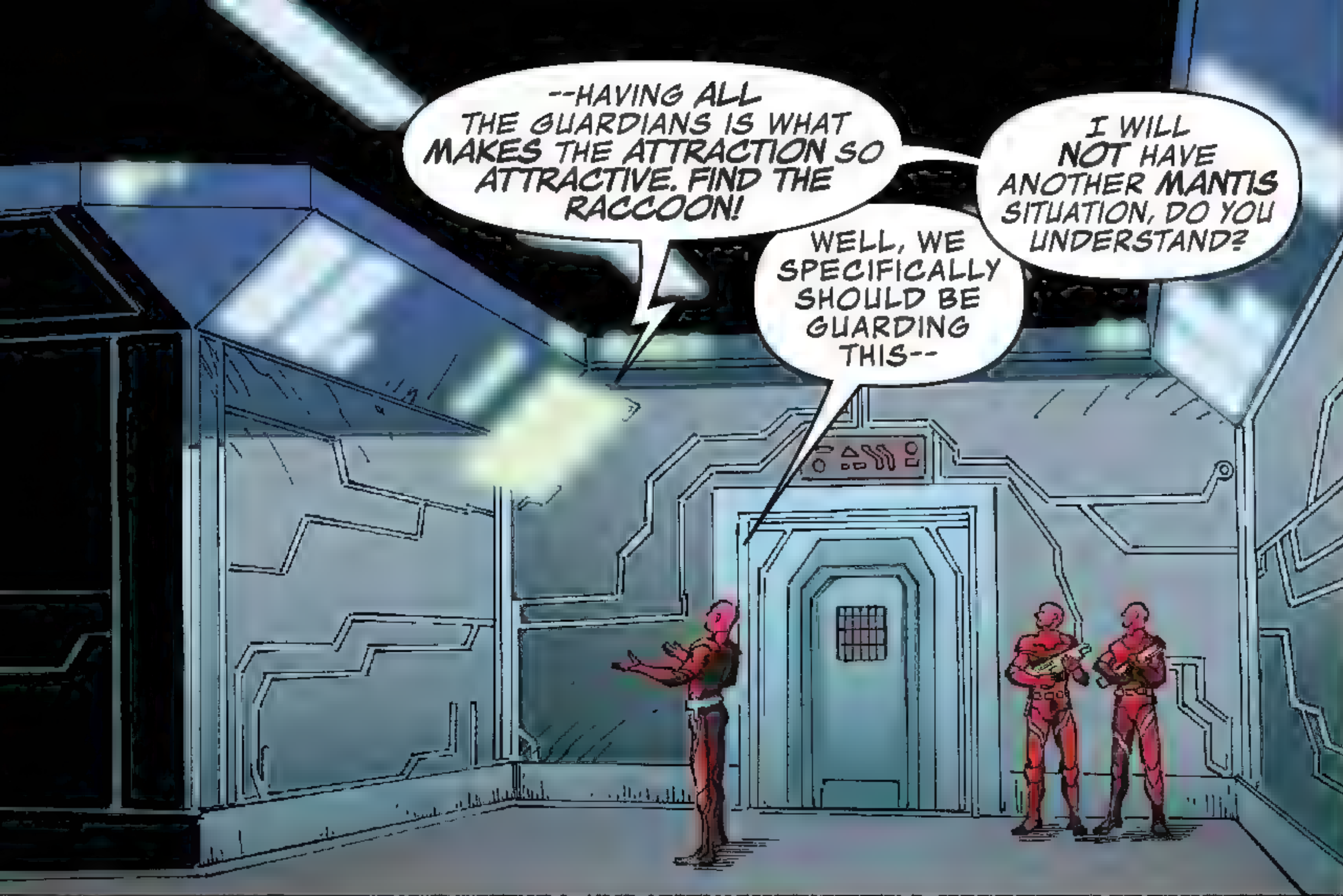
OKAY, WELL, DON'T SOUND SO WISE ABOUT IT.

I AM BROOT!

RIGHT. SORRY AGAIN.

I'M NOT EVEN FULL HUMAN...





--HAVING ALL THE GUARDIANS IS WHAT MAKES THE ATTRACTION SO ATTRACTIVE. FIND THE RACCOON!

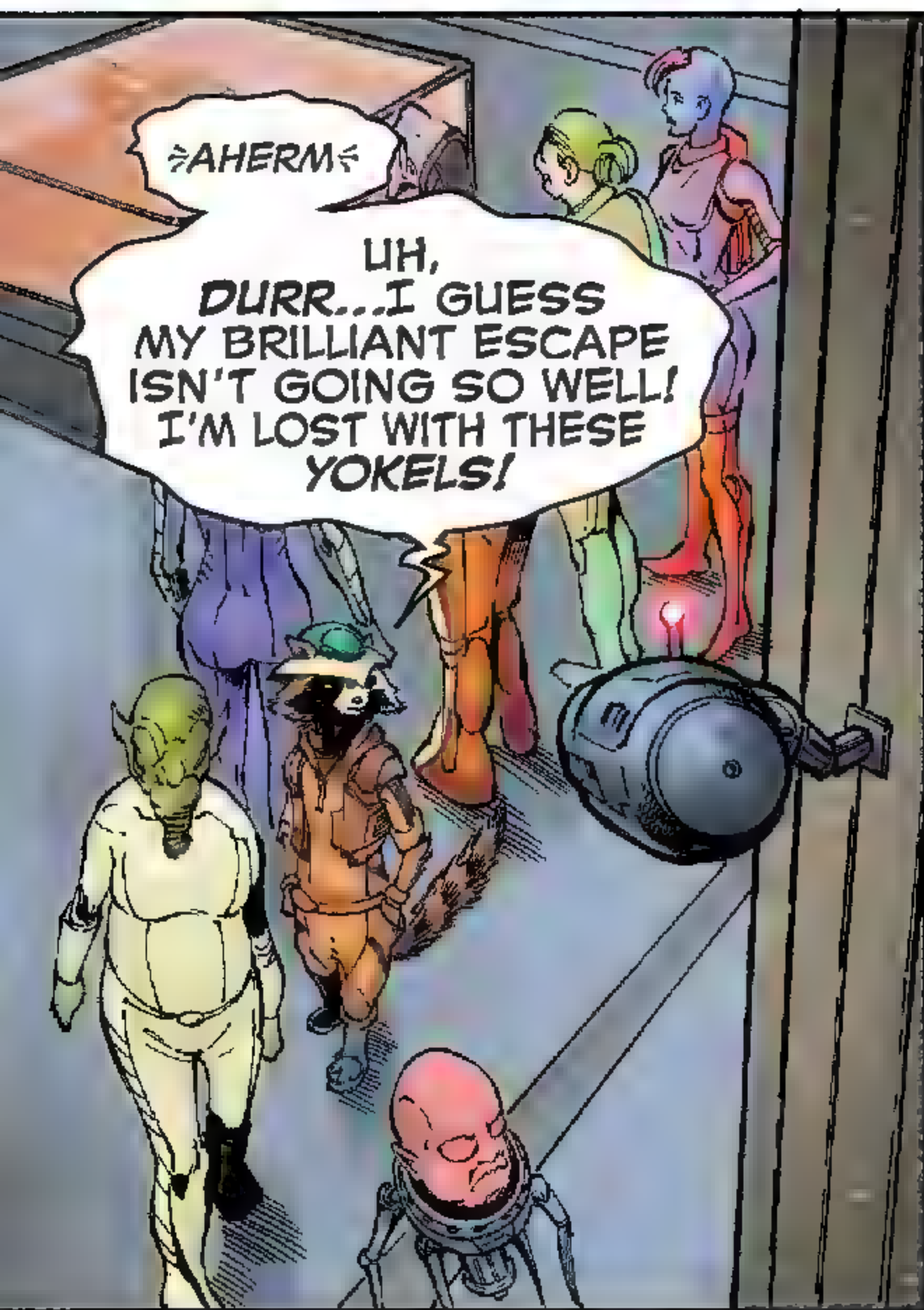
I WILL NOT HAVE ANOTHER MANTIS SITUATION, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

WELL, WE SPECIFICALLY SHOULD BE GUARDING THIS--



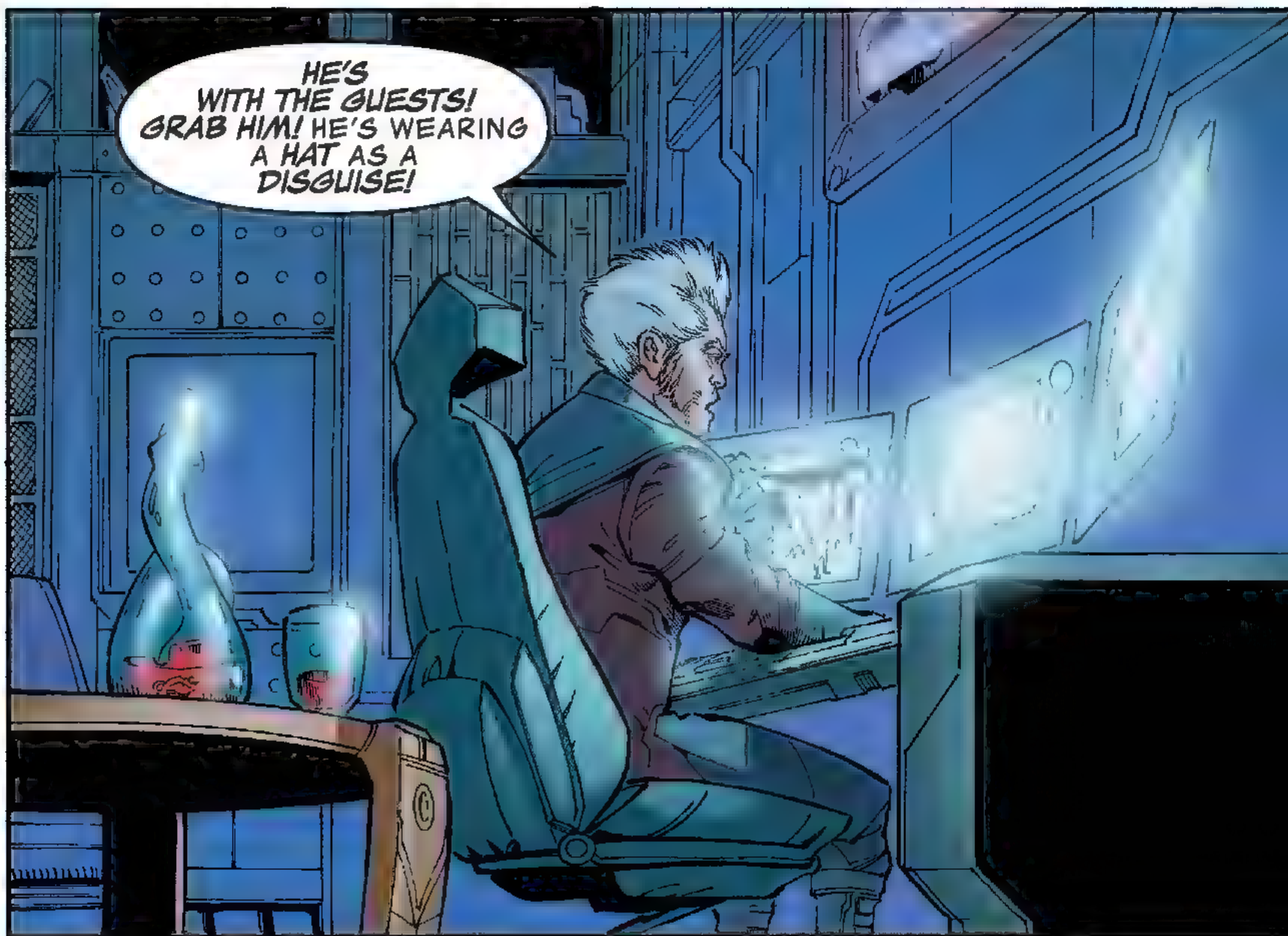
...AND THIS WAY WE HAVE A FULLY CONSTRUCTED WATCHER SKELETON...

JUST GONNA BORROW THIS.



≡AHERM≡

UH, DURR...I GUESS MY BRILLIANT ESCAPE ISN'T GOING SO WELL! I'M LOST WITH THESE YOKELS!



HE'S WITH THE GUESTS! GRAB HIM! HE'S WEARING A HAT AS A DISGUISE!



GOT HIM--

SQUEEE!

OH.

SIR, I THINK YOU...

CHIT CHIT CHIT CHIT!



"...MIGHT HAVE JUST THOUGHT YOU SAW ROCKET RACCOON WEARING THIS HAT."

NOTHIN' LIKE THE OL' "TAKE THE HAT THEN GIVE IT BACK." HEH HEH HEH!



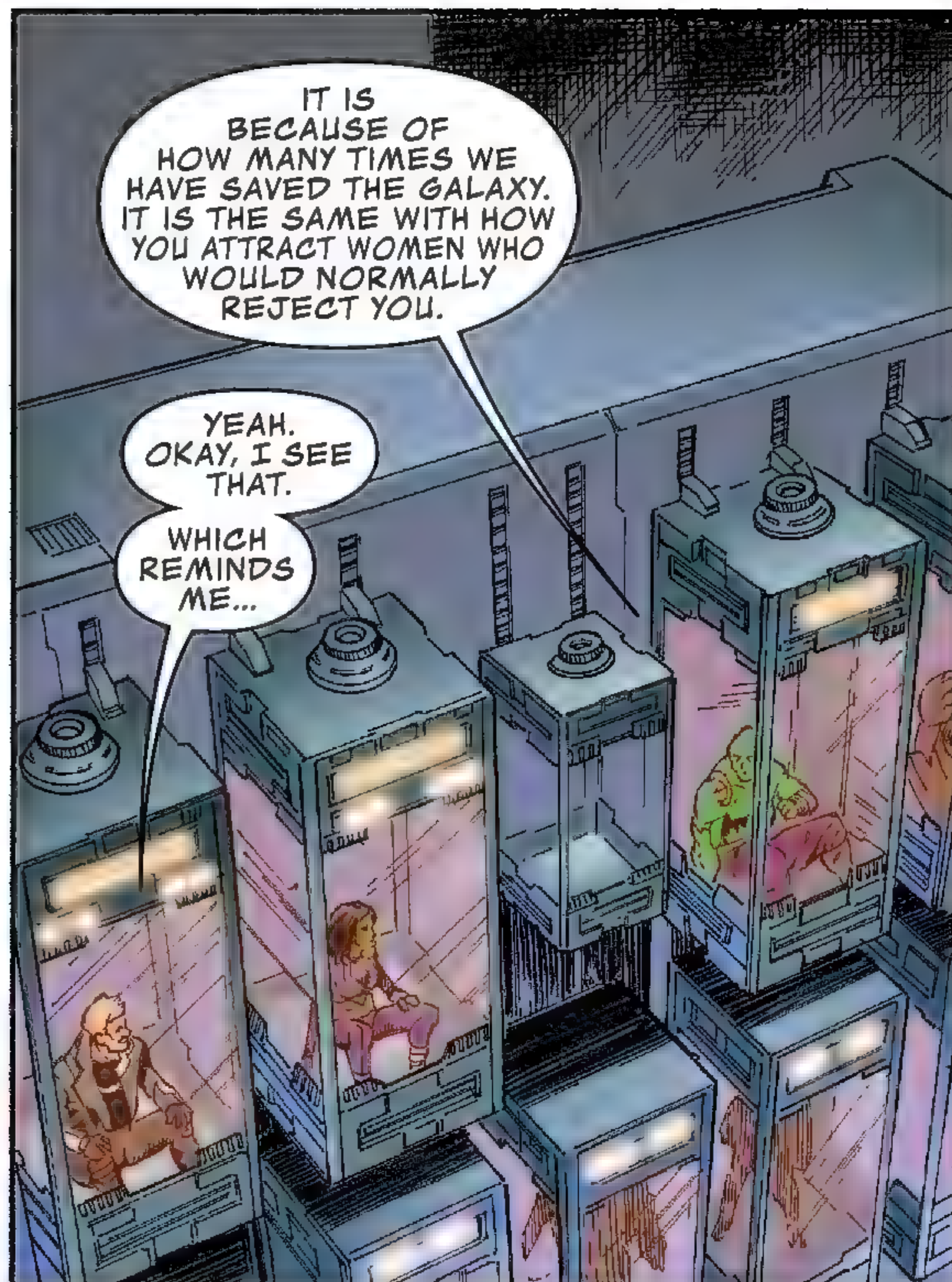


"HEY, STAR-LORD. COLLECTOR HERE. MY TRAVELING MUSEUM'S GOING TO BE MAKING ITS WAY PAST PLUTO SOON. YOU SHOULD COME CHECK IT OUT BEFORE WE HEAD OFF AGAIN. IT'S GOT TONS OF STUFF THAT WILL HELP YOU GUARD THE GALAXY. PROBABLY HELPFUL?"

HOW DID WE FALL FOR THAT?!

HE USUALLY GOES FOR WEIRDER STUFF THAN US.

WELL, APPARENTLY WE ARE THE MAIN ATTRACTION FOR SOME REASON.



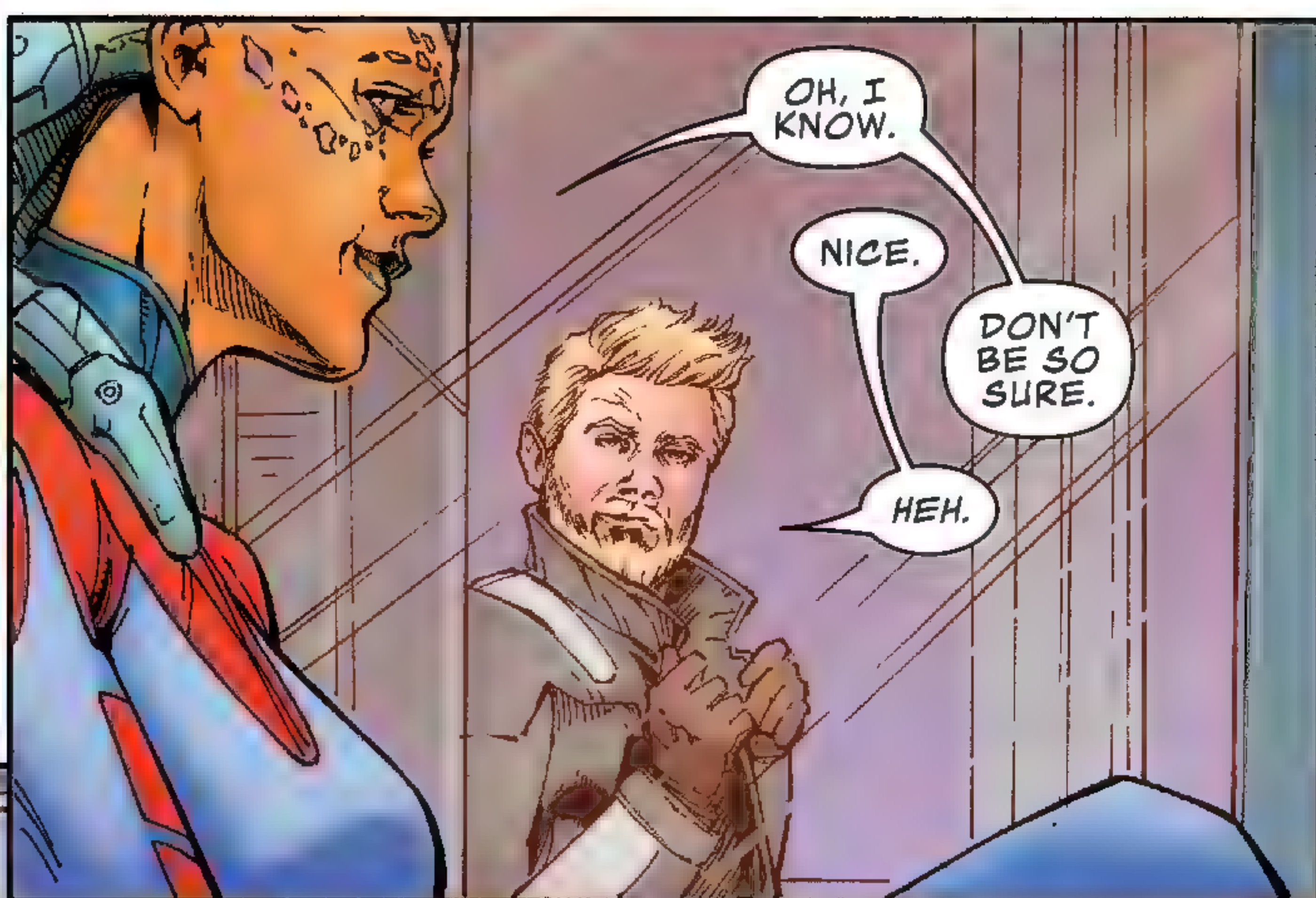
IT IS BECAUSE OF HOW MANY TIMES WE HAVE SAVED THE GALAXY. IT IS THE SAME WITH HOW YOU ATTRACT WOMEN WHO WOULD NORMALLY REJECT YOU.

YEAH. OKAY, I SEE THAT.

WHICH REMINDS ME...



HI. PETER QUILL. STAR-LORD.



OH, I KNOW.

NICE.

DON'T BE SO SURE.

HEH.



SO, UH, IS YOUR HAIR IN...

...EXTRA JAIL?





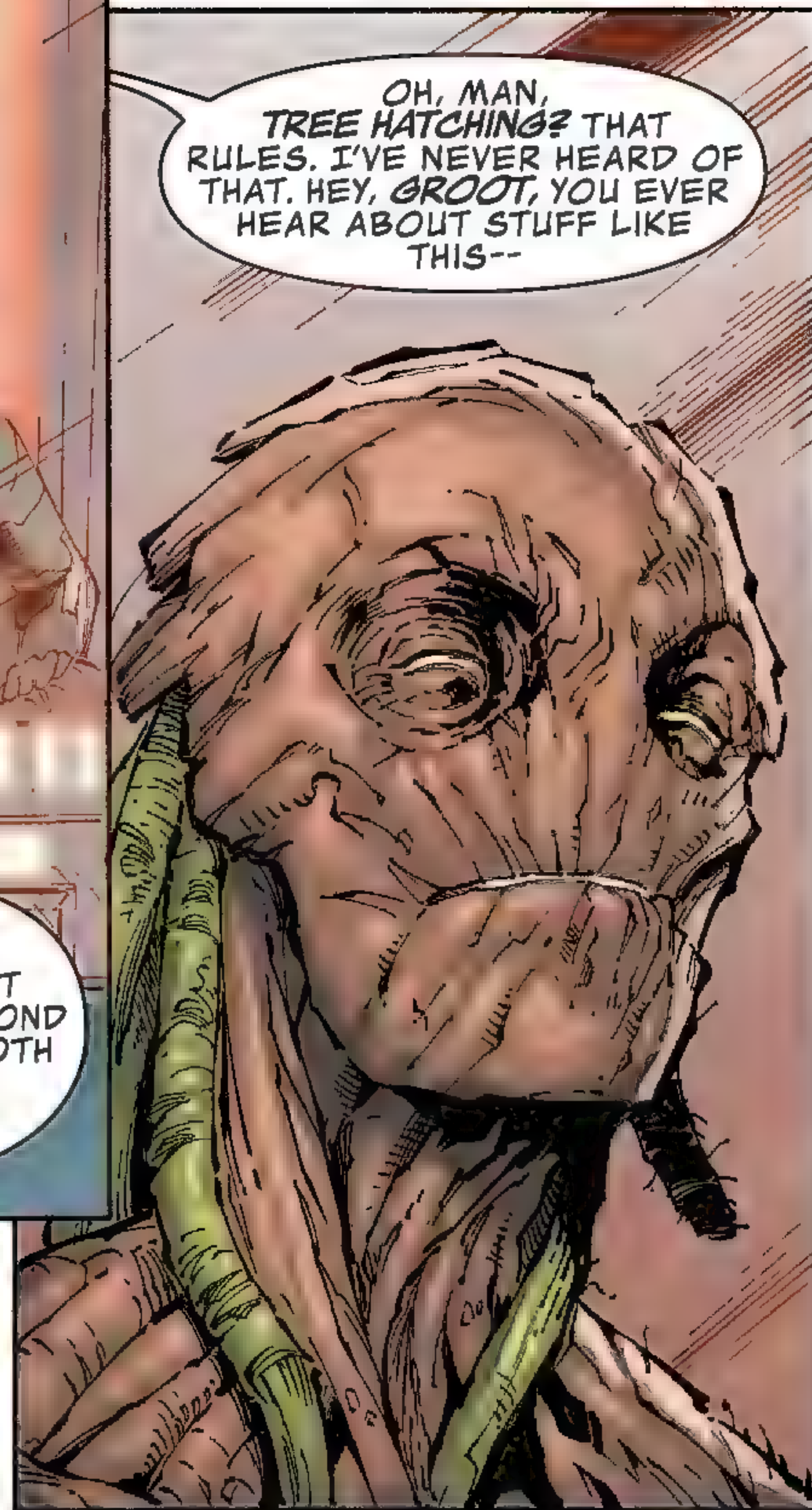
HA,  
NO.

THESE  
APPENDAGES ALLOW  
ME TO COMMUNICATE  
WITH MY UQOT. AND THEY  
HAVE BEEN HAMPERED  
BY OUR CAPTOR.



DID YOU SAY  
EPCOT?

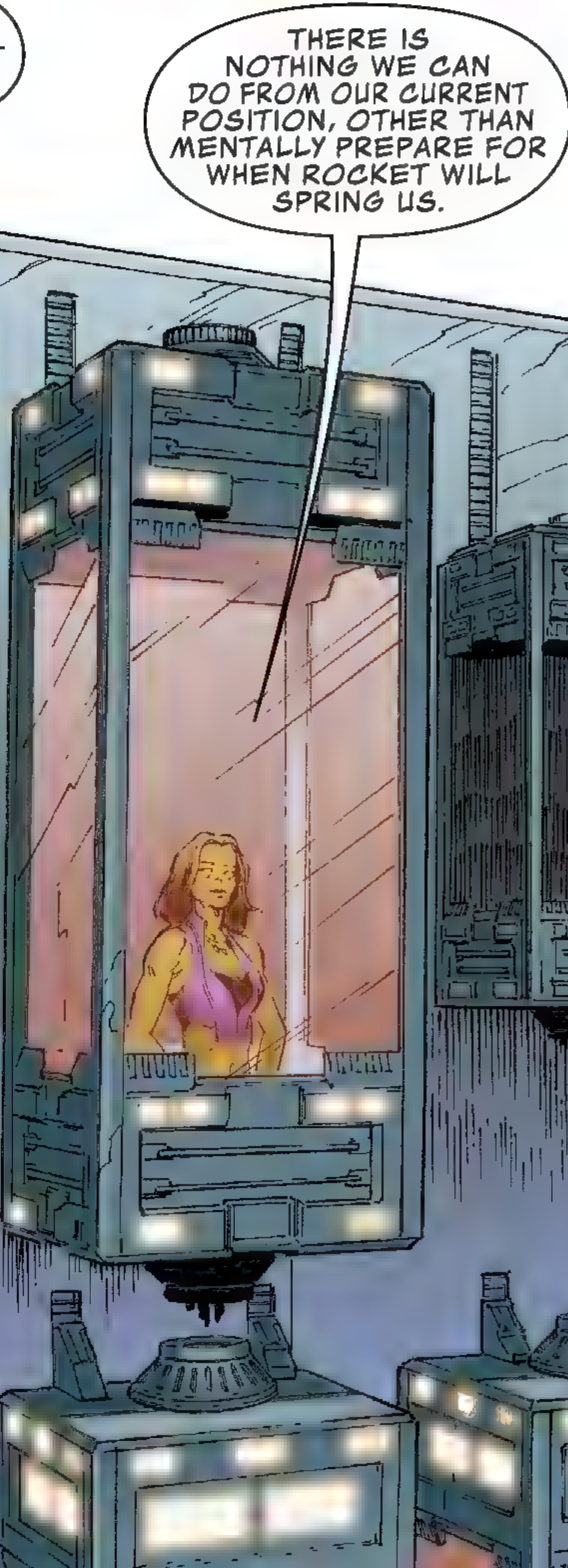
UQOT. IT IS  
A FEROCIOUS,  
MINDLESS BEAST  
THAT I HAVE HAD A BOND  
WITH SINCE WE BOTH  
HATCHED FROM  
THE SAME  
TREE.



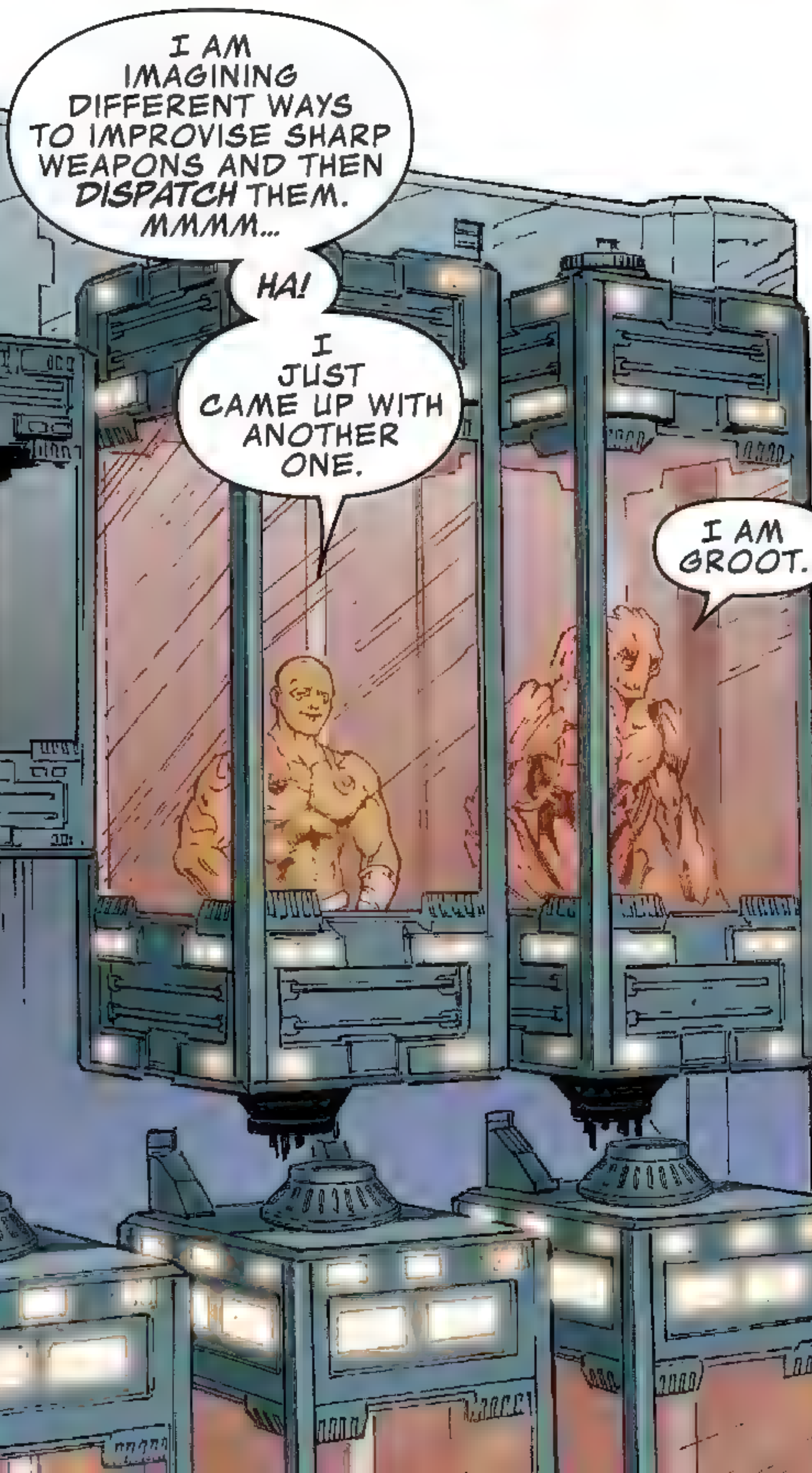
OH, MAN,  
TREE HATCHING? THAT  
RULES. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF  
THAT. HEY, GROOT, YOU EVER  
HEAR ABOUT STUFF LIKE  
THIS--



OH, YOU GUYS  
ARE MEDITATING,  
HUH? DIDN'T KNOW THAT  
WAS SOMETHING WE  
WERE INTO.



THERE IS  
NOTHING WE CAN  
DO FROM OUR CURRENT  
POSITION, OTHER THAN  
MENTALLY PREPARE FOR  
WHEN ROCKET WILL  
SPRING US.



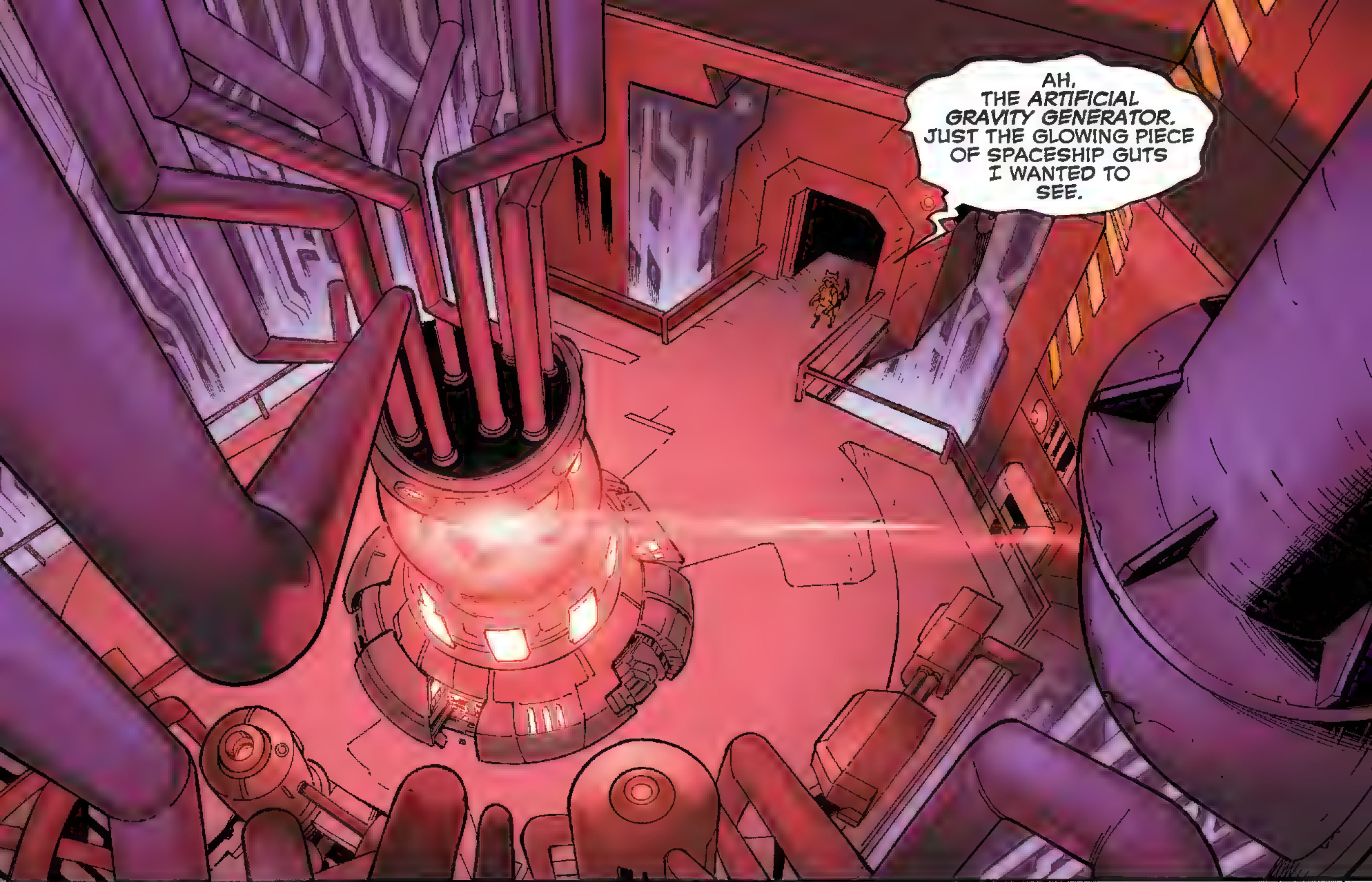
I AM  
IMAGINING  
DIFFERENT WAYS  
TO IMPROVISE SHARP  
WEAPONS AND THEN  
DISPATCH THEM.  
M.M.M.M...

HA!

I  
JUST  
CAME UP WITH  
ANOTHER  
ONE.

I AM  
GROOT.





AH,  
THE ARTIFICIAL  
GRAVITY GENERATOR.  
JUST THE GLOWING PIECE  
OF SPACESHIP GUTS  
I WANTED TO  
SEE.



OKAY.  
"RE-TUNE."

"RE-TUNE!"

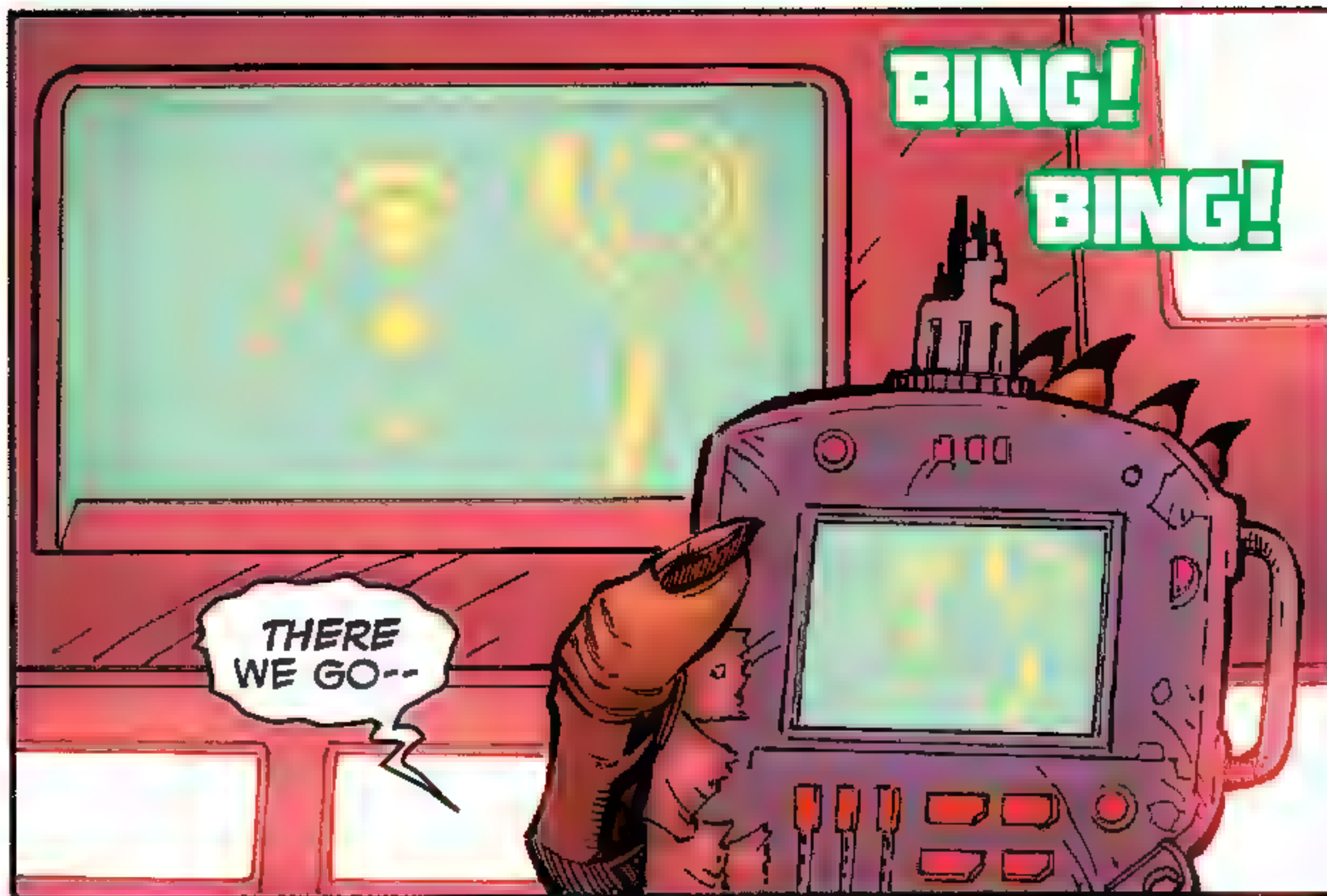
**BLEP**

**BLEP**

"NEW  
DEVICE."

**BLEP**

"REGISTER  
NEW DE--"



**BING!**  
**BING!**

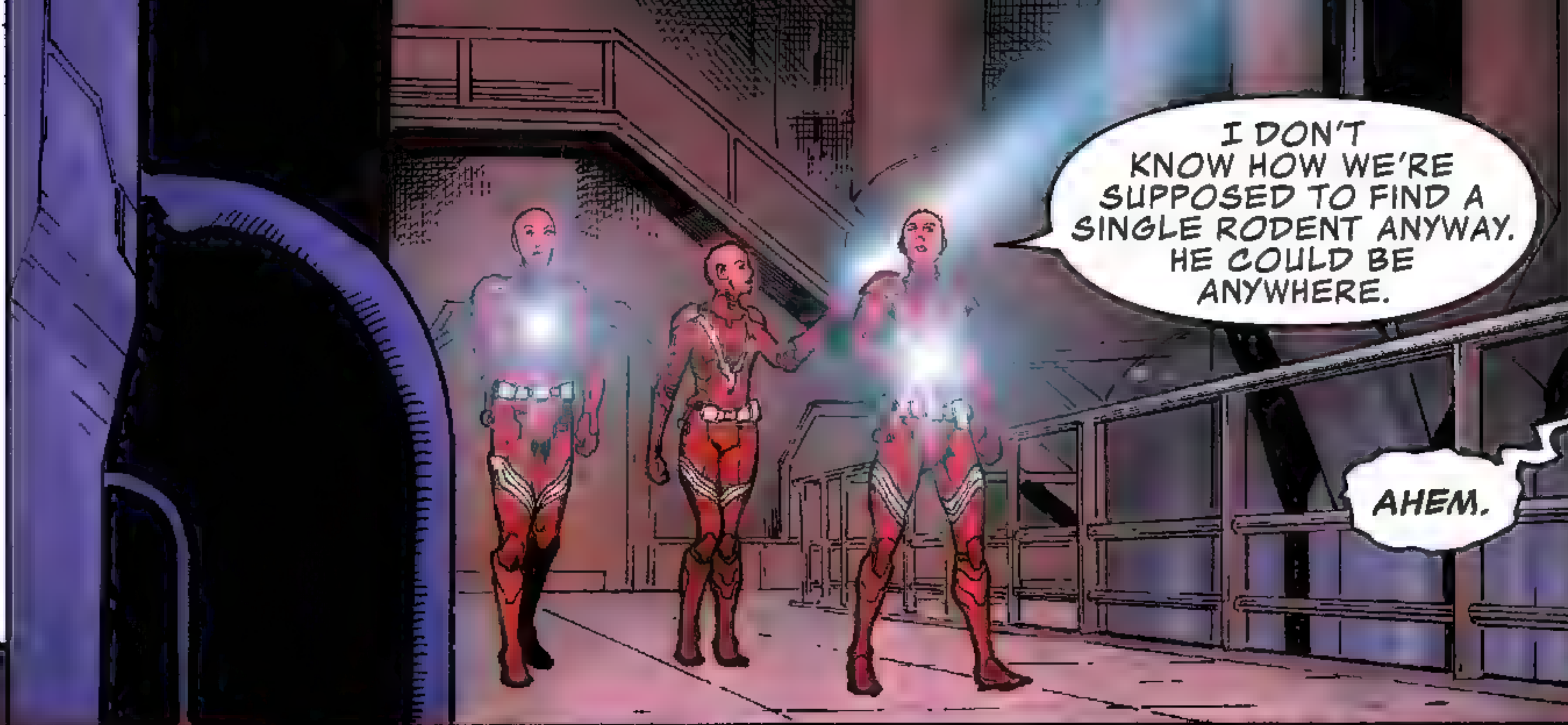
THERE  
WE GO--



HEY! I ONLY  
CARRIED YOU IN  
MY MOUTH FOR A  
COUPLE HOURS.  
DON'T BE SO  
FUSSY.

**FZZT**





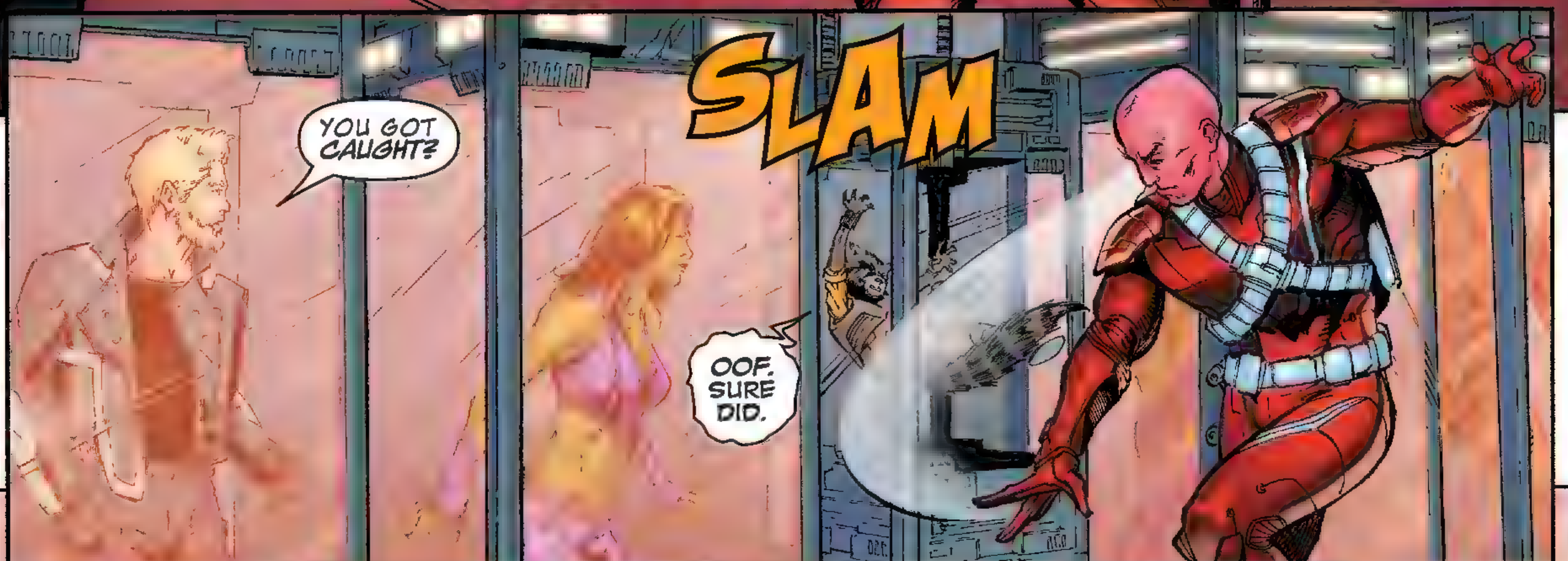
I DON'T  
KNOW HOW WE'RE  
SUPPOSED TO FIND A  
SINGLE RODENT ANYWAY.  
HE COULD BE  
ANYWHERE.

AHEM.



OH,  
GOSH.

I  
THOUGHT I'D  
TRY TO ESCAPE,  
BUT CLEARLY THERE  
IS NO WAY TO  
DO SO.



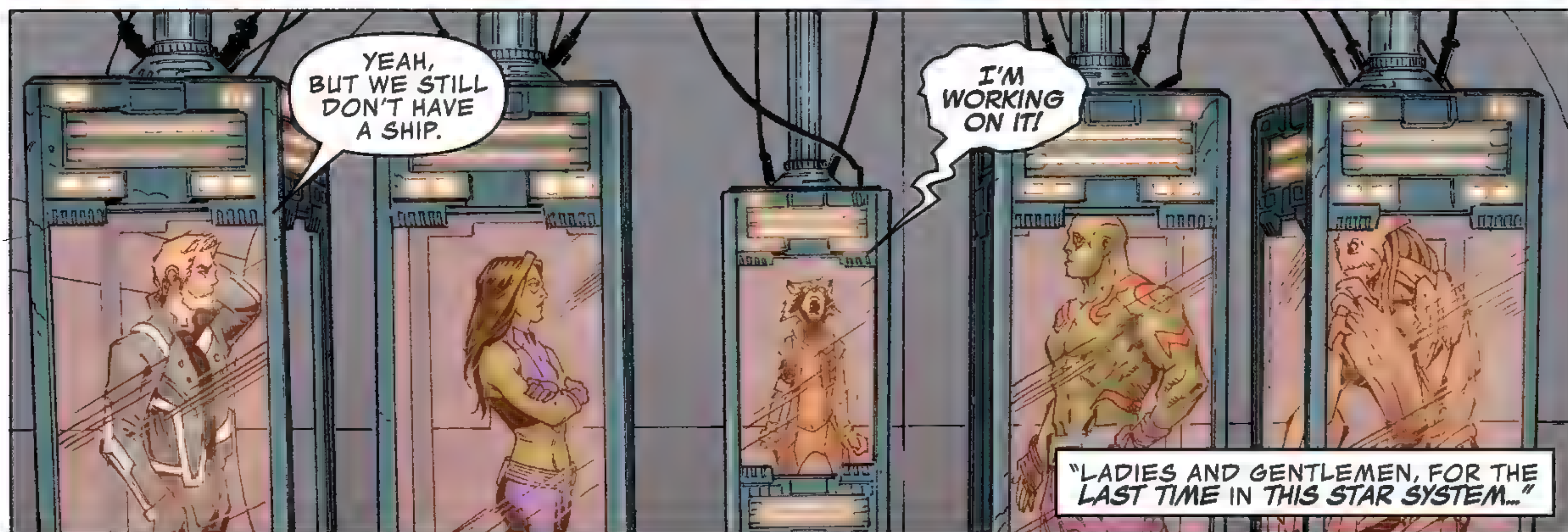
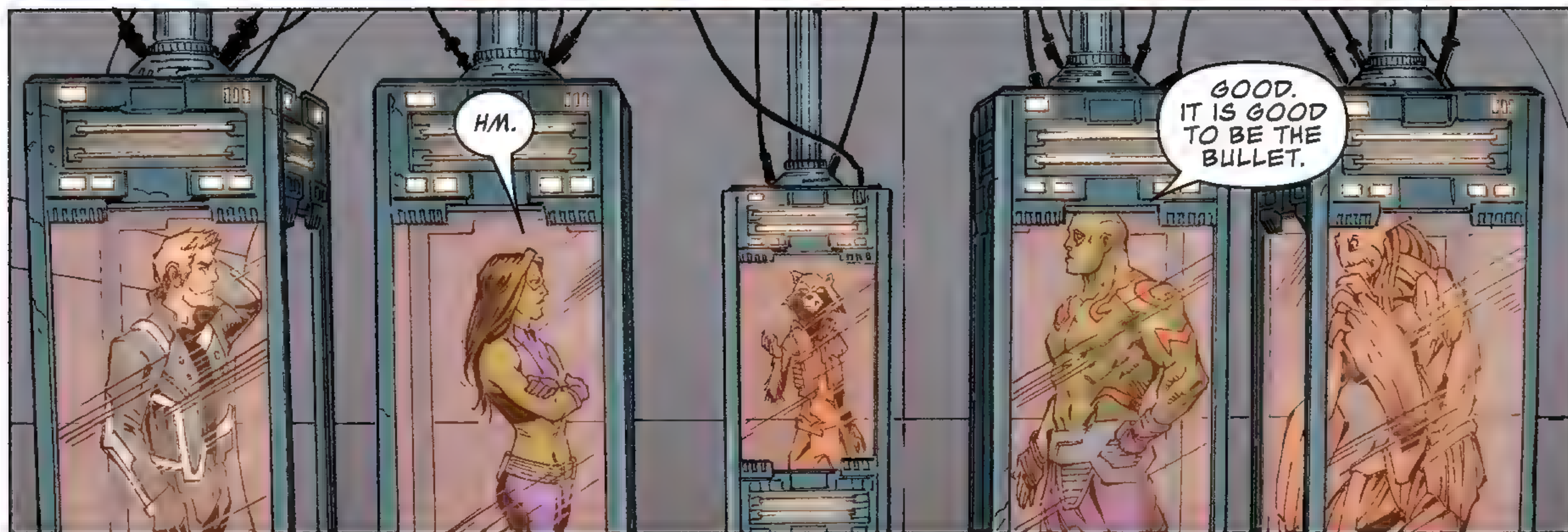
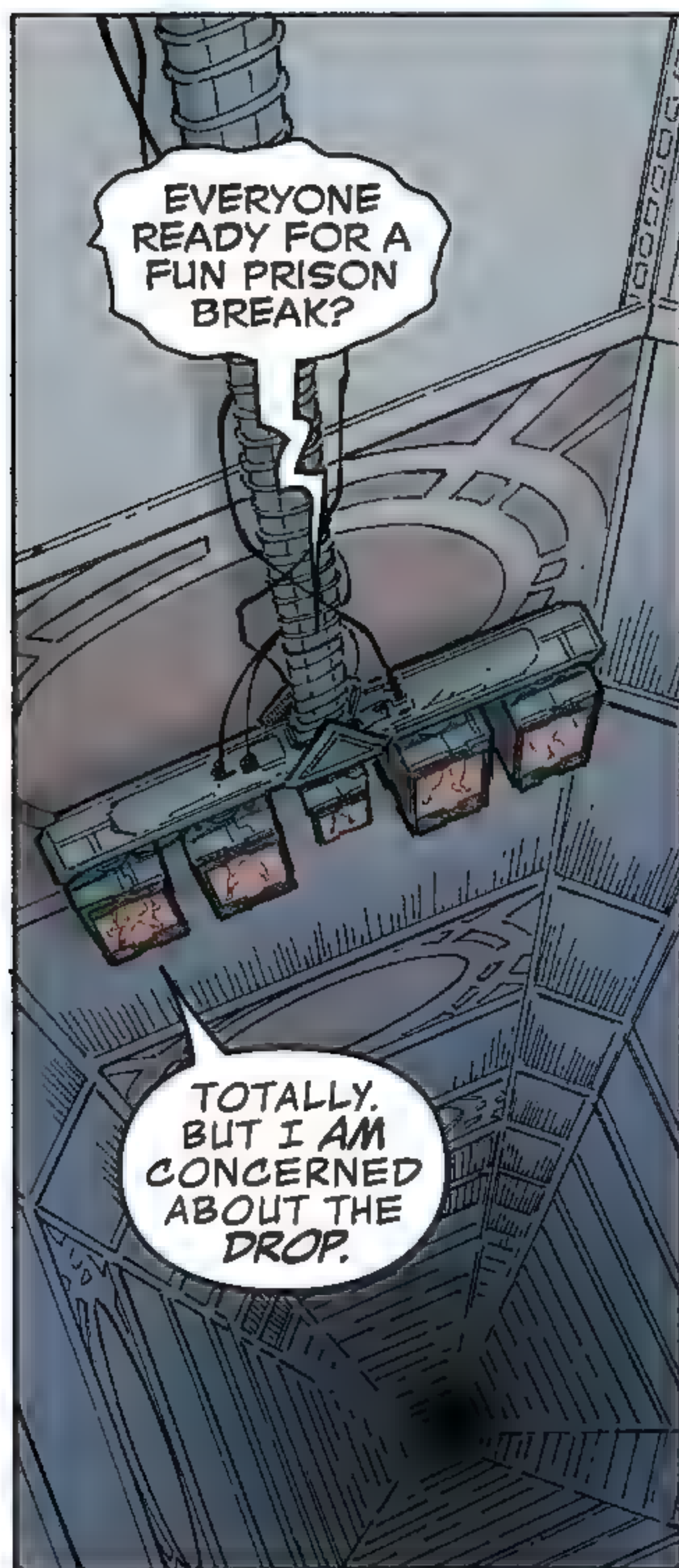
YOU GOT  
CAUGHT?

**SLAM**

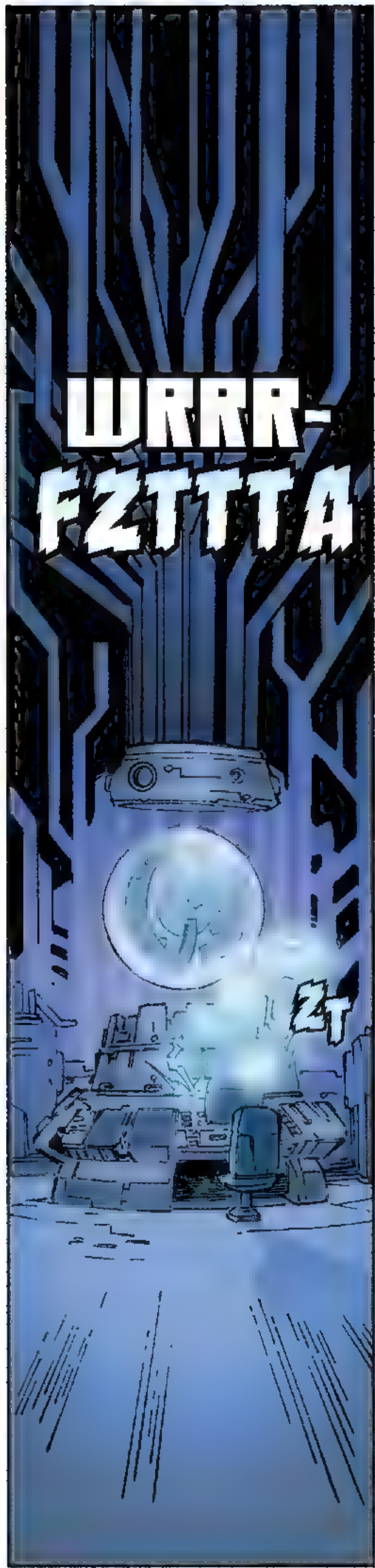
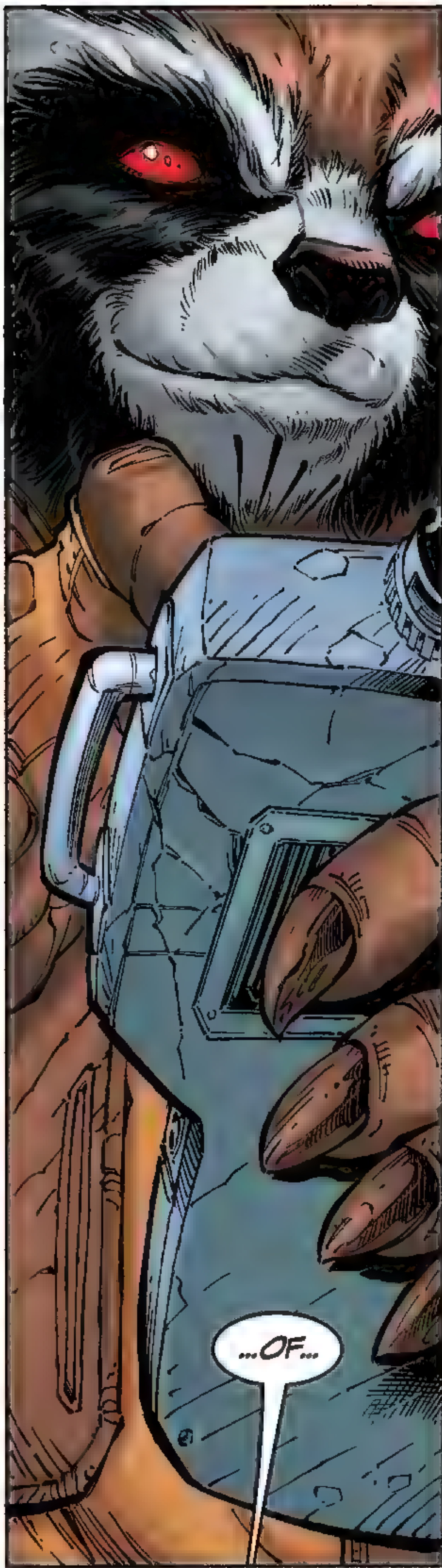
OOF.  
SURE  
DID.



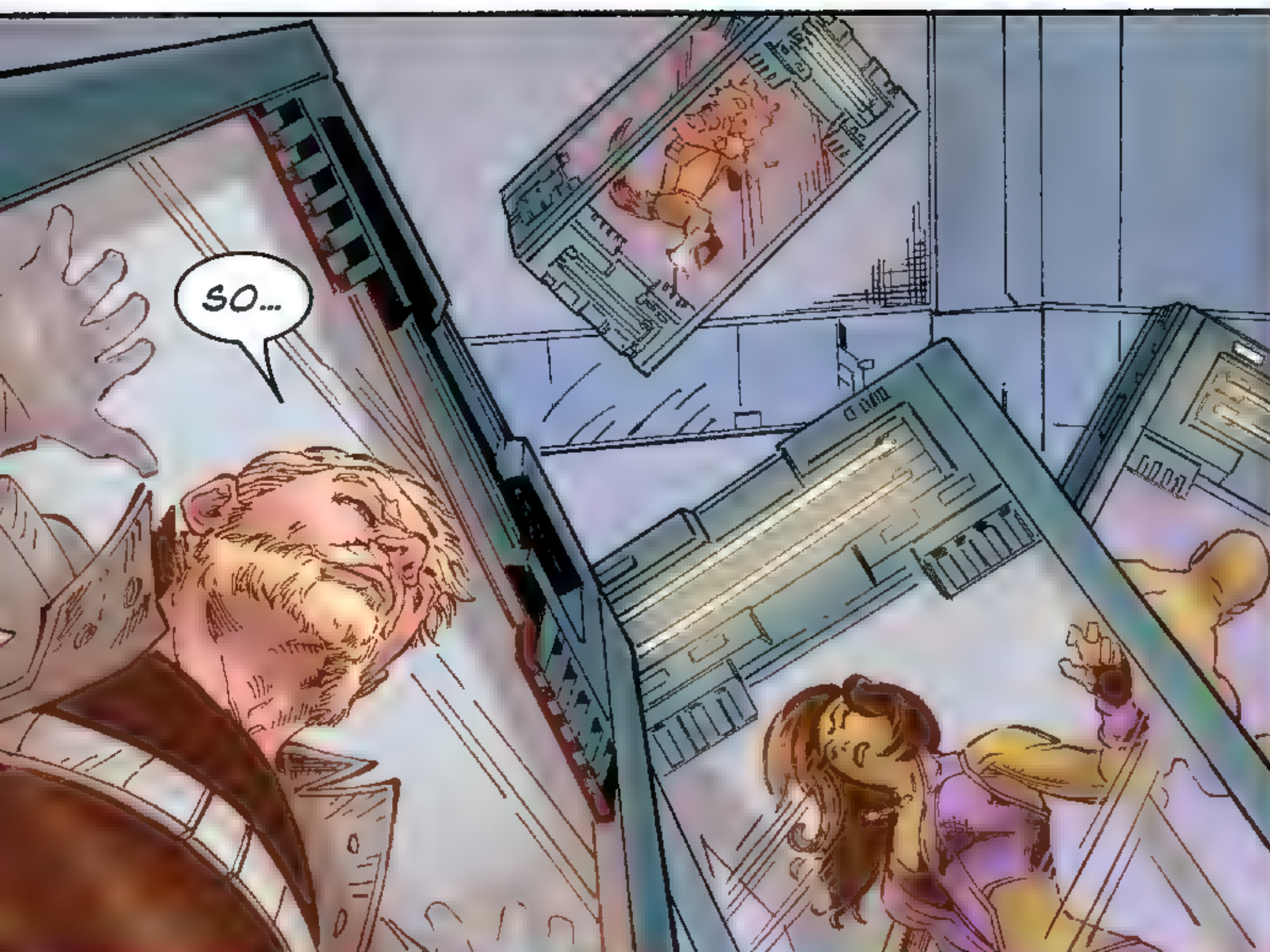














URT

WE'RE  
FALLING THE  
WRONG  
WAY.

AH!

GROOT!

OH,  
THAT'S NOT THE  
CIRCUIT FOR THE  
CAGES...

URT  
URT  
URT

WH-WH-

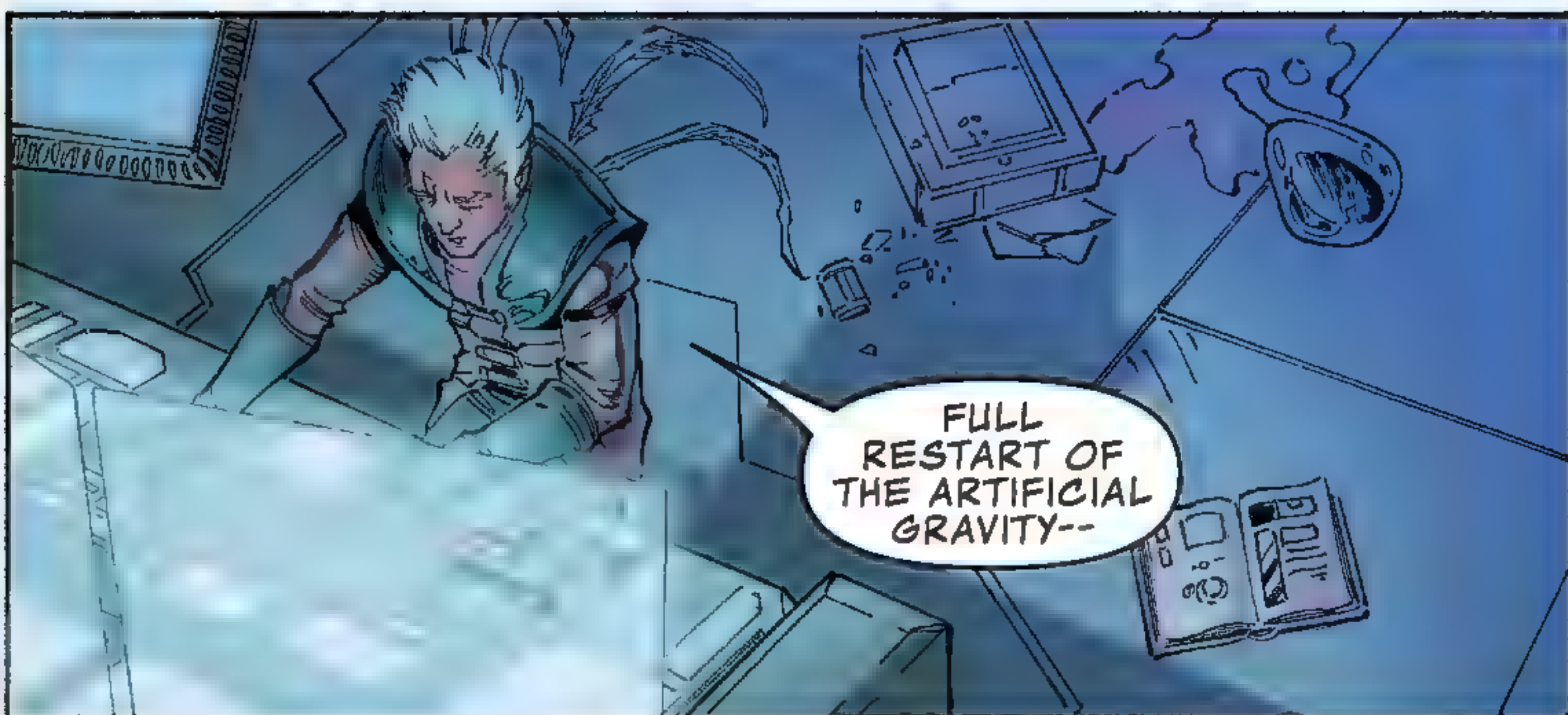
WHAT'S  
HAPPENIIIIING??

URT

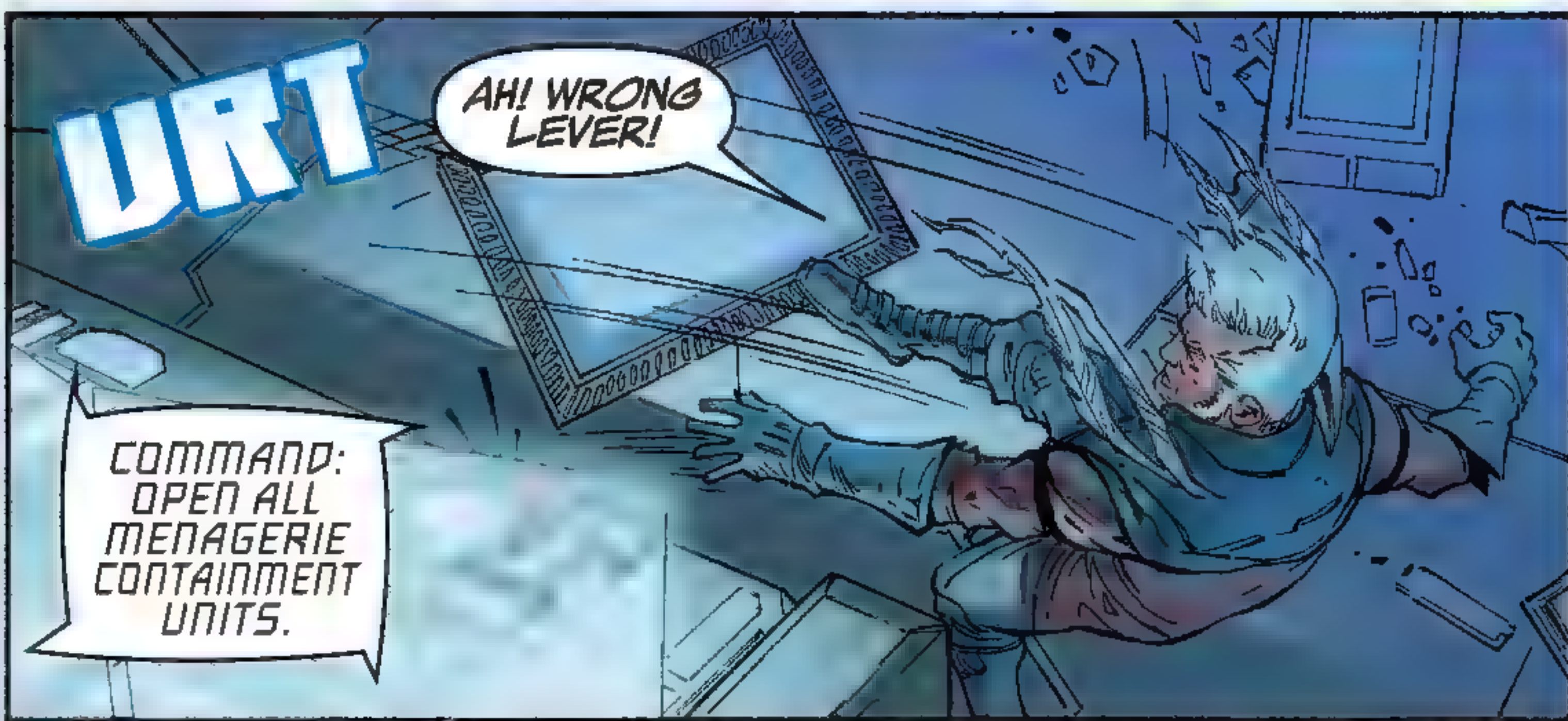




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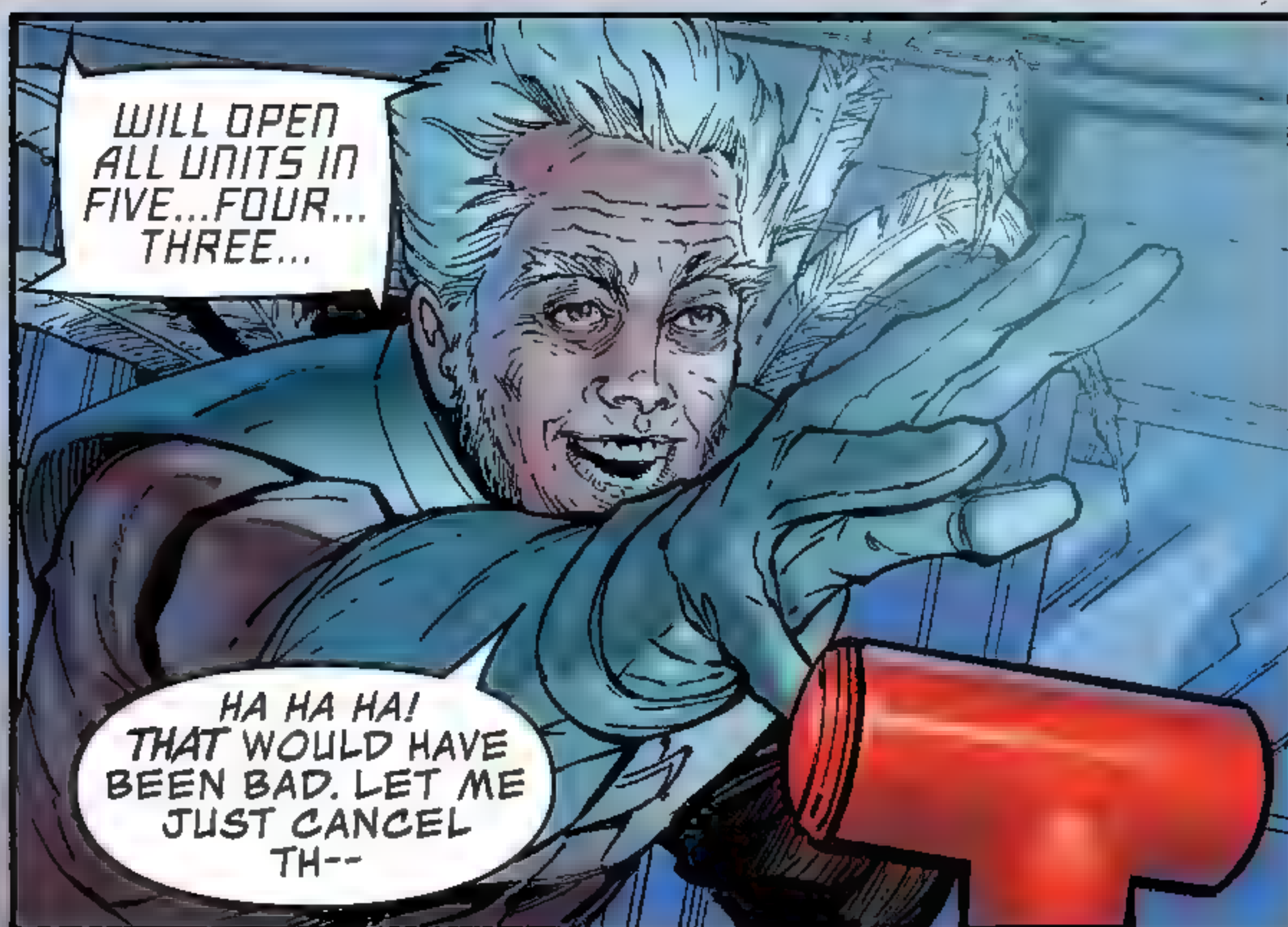


FULL  
RESTART OF  
THE ARTIFICIAL  
GRAVITY--



AH! WRONG  
LEVER!

COMMAND:  
OPEN ALL  
MENAGERIE  
CONTAINMENT  
UNITS.



WILL OPEN  
ALL UNITS IN  
FIVE...FOUR...  
THREE...

HA HA HA!  
THAT WOULD HAVE  
BEEN BAD. LET ME  
JUST CANCEL  
TH--



URT

TWO...

NO  
NO NO NO  
NO!



ONE.

CAGES  
OPEN!

NICE  
ONE, ROCKET! I  
GUESS LET'S KICK  
OFF AND FLOAT  
THAT WAY?

I  
DIDN'T DO  
THIS...





WBLELBBLE!

GRRRR!

HISSS...

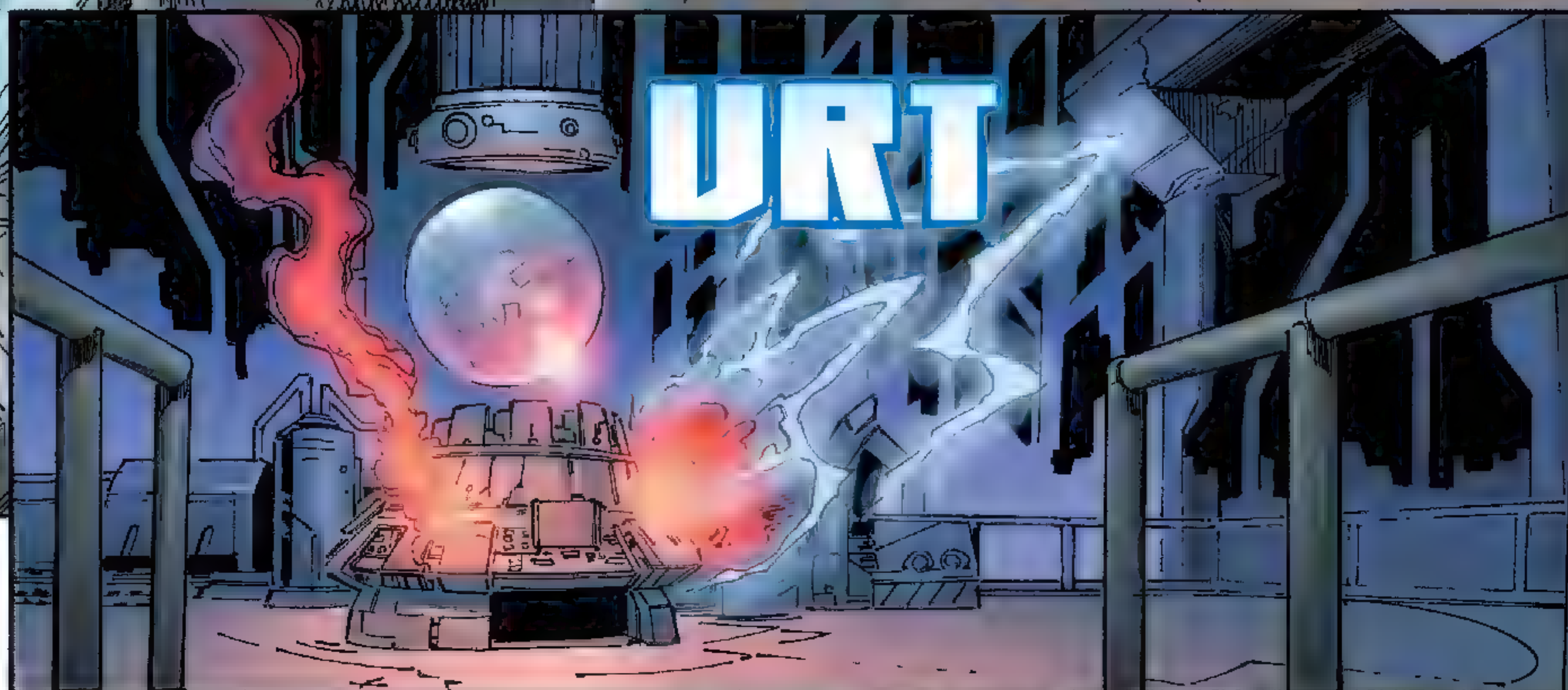
THAT'S A LOTTA...FREE AND MEAN-LOOKING THINGS.

NONE AS MEAN AS ME.

DRAX... WE'RE TRYING TO ESCAPE, NOT START A PRISON FIGHT CLUB, DON'T FORGET.

I AM GROOT!

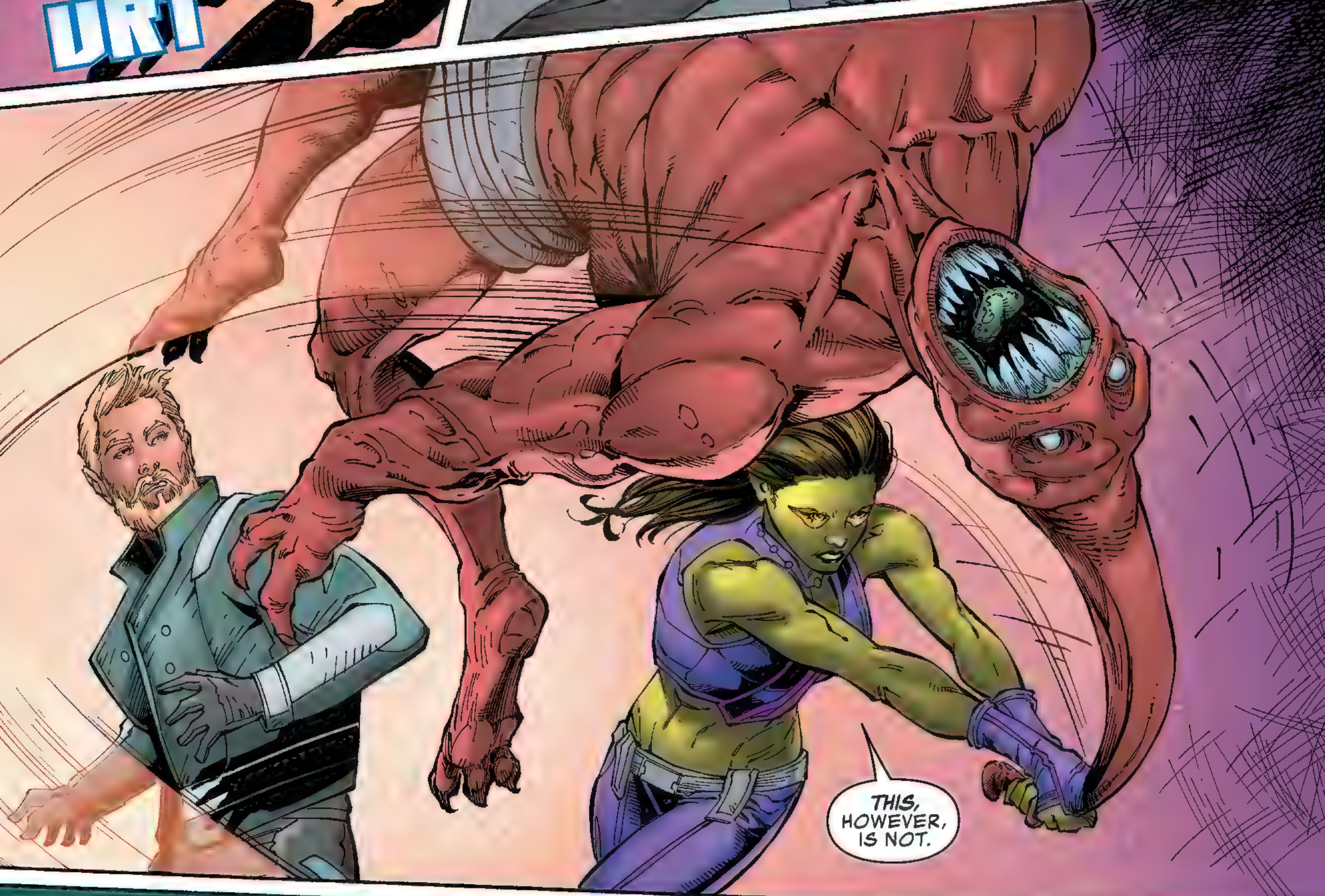
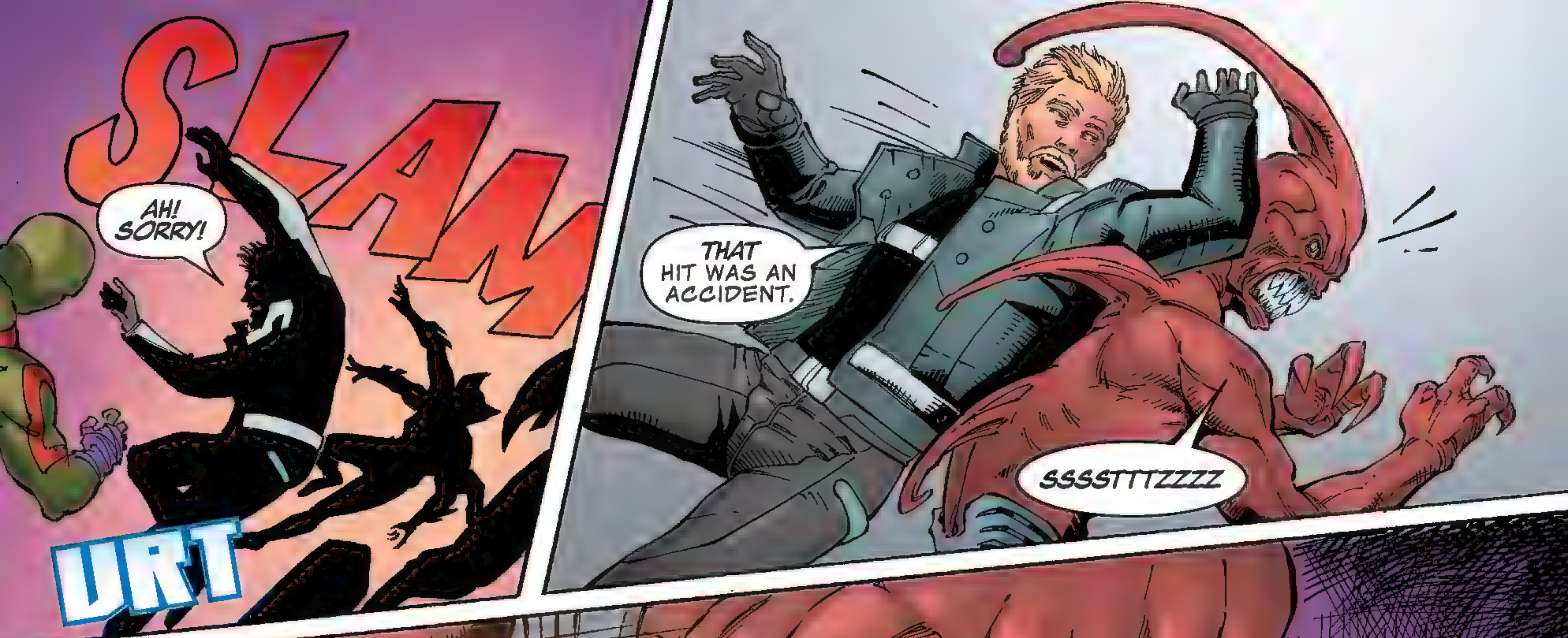












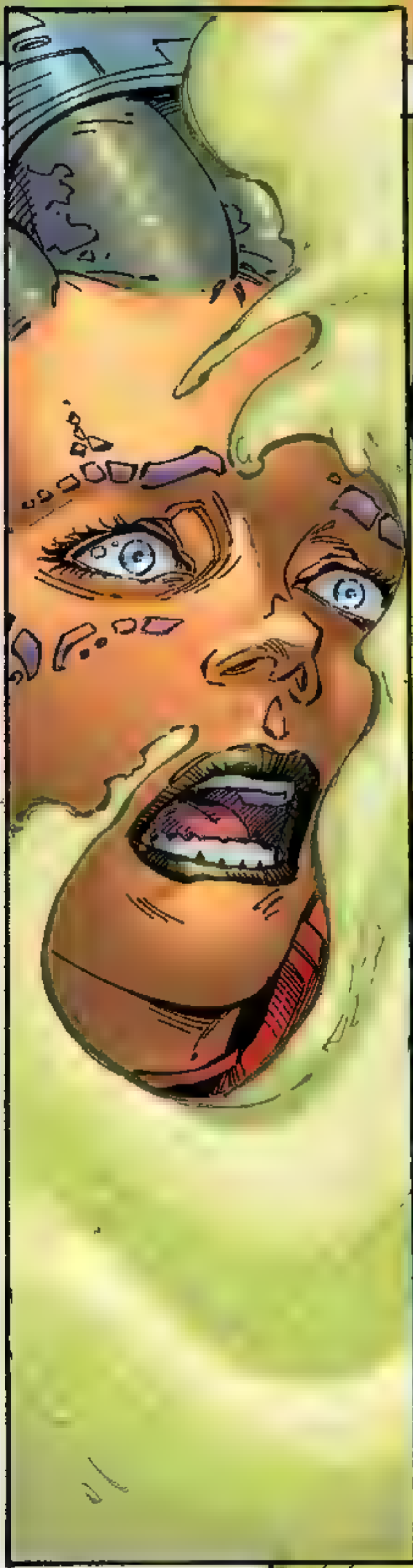




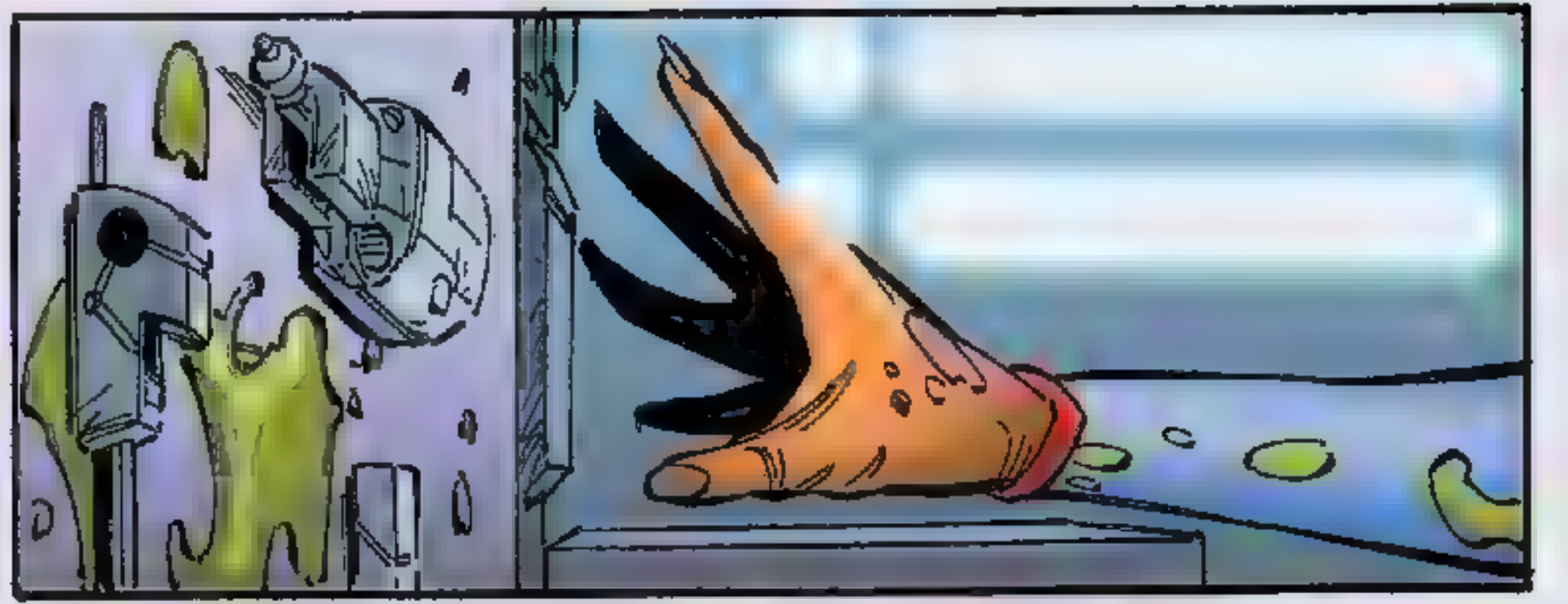




AH, CRUD.



BLAM



STAR-LORD!  
THANK YOU!  
I--

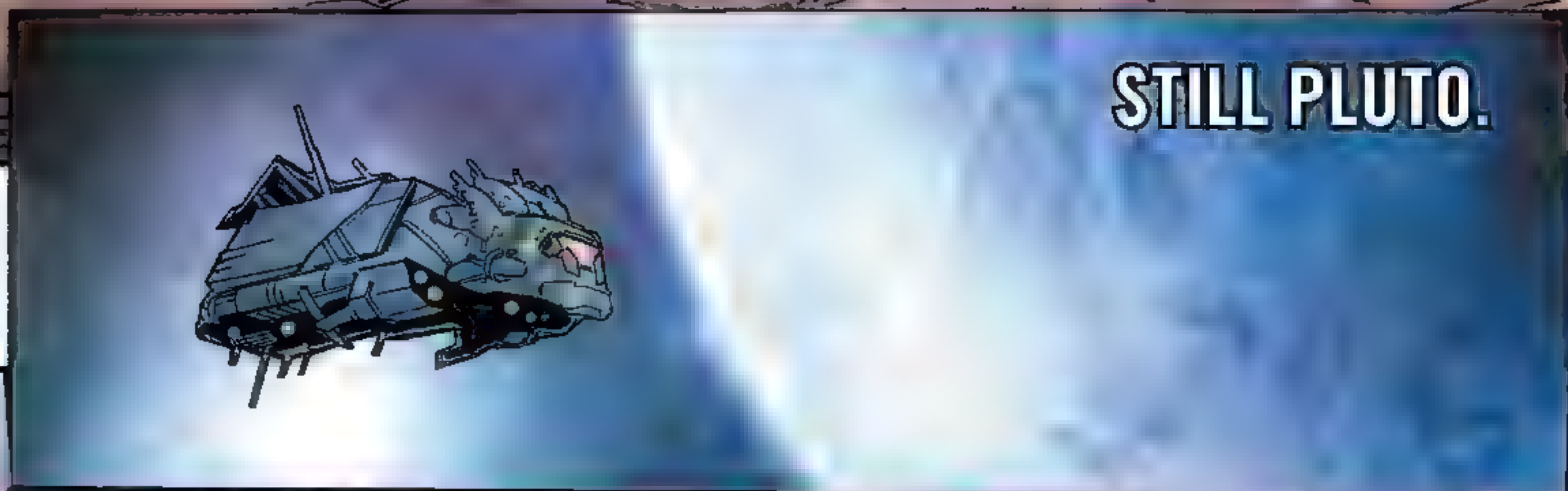


OKAY, SO  
YOU'RE GOOD?  
GREAT. GOTTA  
RUN.



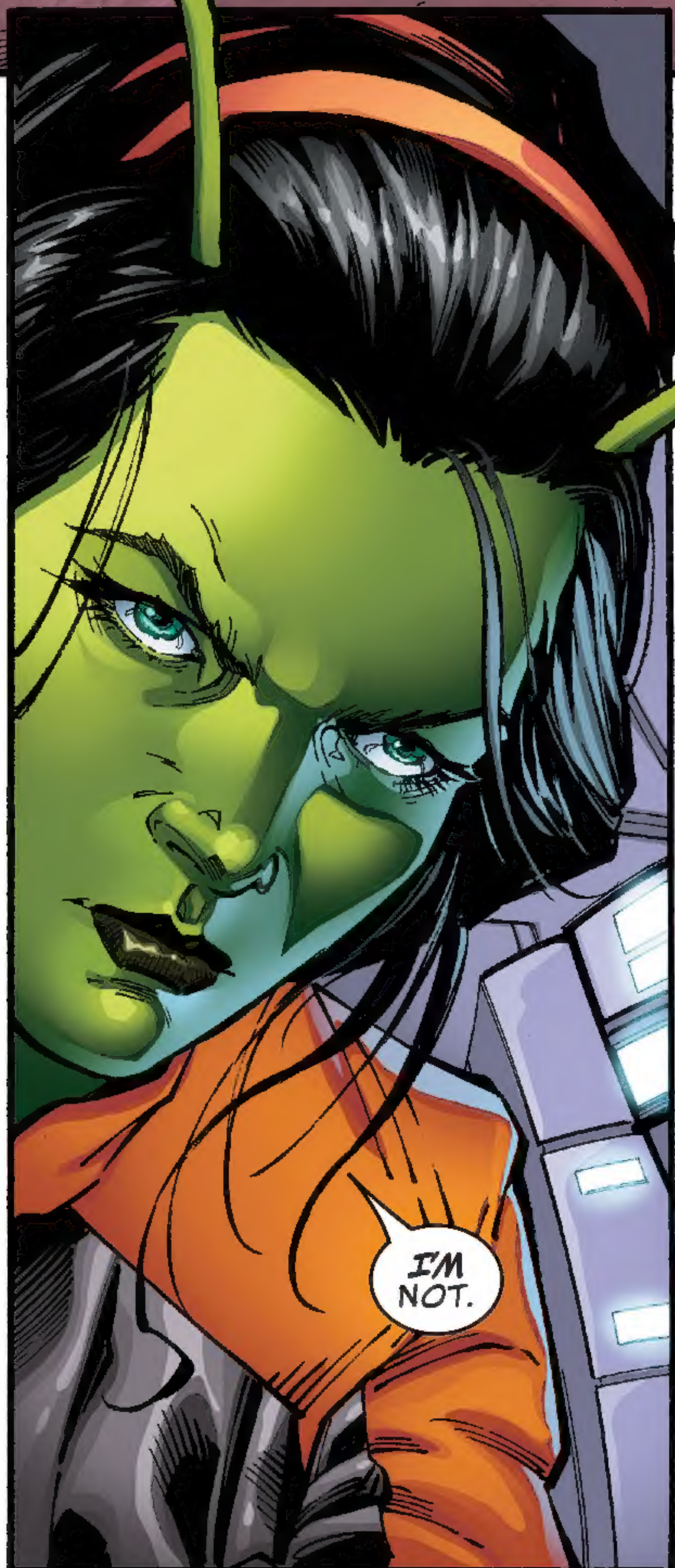
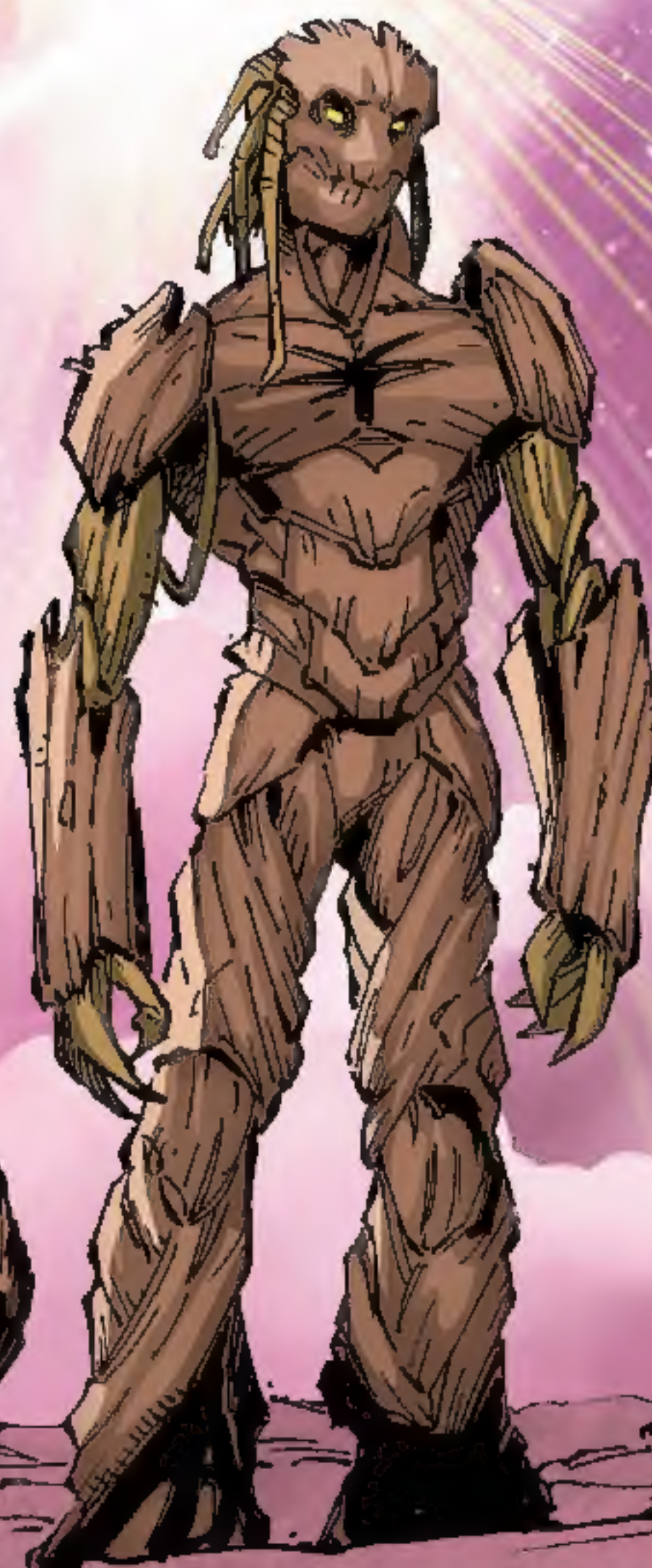








SURPRISED  
I'M BACK,  
COLLECTOR?



I'M  
NOT.



PROBABLY  
BECAUSE I'M  
A PRE-COG...  
AND YOU'RE  
NOT.



YOU CALLED  
MANTIS?

NO, I WAS  
TRYING TO HAIL  
OUR SHIP FOR MOST OF  
THAT TIME. THEN I JUST  
STARTED CALLING  
EVERYBODY.

I'M GLAD  
SOMEONE SHOWED  
UP!





ONE EXHIBIT  
LOST ISN'T THE END OF THE  
UNIVERSE. LET THE GUARDIANS  
GO. BUT AS FOR THE  
REST...

...IT'S  
RE-CONTAINMENT.

THE EXHIBITS  
ARE UNORGANIZED,  
AND WE ARE A SMALL  
ARMY! LET'S BRING  
ORDER BACK TO  
MY MUSEUM!

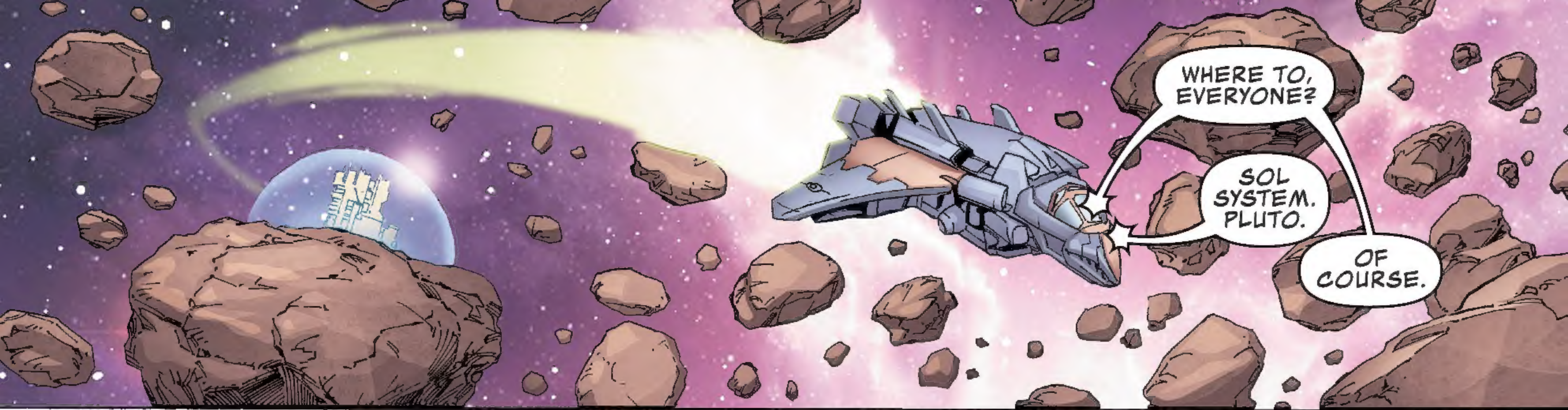


H.M. WE ACTUALLY DON'T THINK  
THIS IS YOUR MUSEUM  
ANYMORE.



OR  
PERHAPS  
IT IS TIME TO  
ABANDON THE  
FACILITY.





WHERE TO, EVERYONE?

SOL SYSTEM. PLUTO.

OF COURSE.



I AM GROOT.

SERIOUSLY?

WHAT?

HE'S WORRIED ABOUT ALL THE OTHER EXHIBITS. HE WANTS TO GO BACK.

OH, NO, I SAW THAT TREE-HATCHING MONSTER THING. CHECK IT OUT.



THIS IS TANEER TIVAN HAILING ALL FREQUENCIES! S.O.S! MY MUSEUM IS OVERRUN WITH MONSTERS! AAAAGHHH-- FZZTTT!

SEE?

I ALSO WANT TO GO BACK.



THEY'RE FINE.

NO. I LEFT MY NEW TEETH KNIVES THERE. I WANT THEM.



DRAX, THAT'S EXACTLY THE SORT OF BEHAVIOR THAT STARTS SOMEONE DOWN THE DARK PATH OF "COLLECTING" IN THE FIRST PLACE.

FAIR.

THE END!



